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Talks between PPP and government collapse

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 26. (KUNA): Talks between the Pakistan Peoples Party's constitutional expert Yahya Bakhtiar and Attorney-General Aziz Munshi on the formation of the new government have collapsed, an official spokesman said.

The talks were held at the behest of PPP leader Benazir Bhutto, who met President Ghulam Ishaq Khan on Nov. 22.

The spokesman said the President will transfer power to the next prime minister after fulfilling relevant constitutional and legal requirements.

The spokesman also said that Ishaq Khan is empowered by the constitution to summon the National Assembly without consulting the prime minister.

Opening

"The President will have this authority till the end of 1990," the spokesman said, while commenting on a controversy on whether the President could call a National Assembly session without consulting the prime minister and whether the new premier could be nominated before the opening of the session.

About the nomination of a new premier before the opening of the assembly the spokesman said, as only a full-fledged member could be called upon to become prime minister, no member-elect had qualified to be nominated to that office.

Egyptian flag

ALGIERS, Nov. 26. (Reuters): The Egyptian flag was hoisted in Algeria today for the first time since 1979 at a ceremony at the Egyptian embassy in the capital Algiers marking the resumption of diplomatic ties between the two states.

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Kuwait: 60 per cent
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Shultz leading the opposition: PLO chief Arafat raps US for delay in issuing visa

BAGHDAD, Nov. 26. (Agencies): Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat today discussed his problems in getting a US visa with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, officials said.

The PLO chief, who arrived from Kuwait, had been expected to fly directly to Jordan for talks with King Hussein, but instead made a stopover in Baghdad.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Arafat and Aziz held talks on Arab developments and PLO efforts to ensure he can travel to New York and address the United Nations General Assembly next week.

In Kuwait, Arafat earlier in the day discussed the latest developments on the Palestinian issue with HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier, and other officials.

Speaking to reporters in Kuwait, he complained over the visa delay, saying US Secretary of State George Shultz was to blame.

Failed

"The US administration has regrettably failed until this moment to grant me an entry visa," Arafat said.

He said Shultz "leads the opposition to such a step... By doing so, Shultz violates the headquarters agreement signed between the United Nations and the host country."

The PLO chief said that if the US administration did not grant him a visa, he would make a fresh call for shifting the UN deliberations on Palestine to Geneva.



HH the Amir in talks with Arafat (left) yesterday.

"We and our friends are entitled to such a right because at the UN headquarters in Geneva we can conduct our work in complete freedom from the exclusion of any blackmail from Israel or any other country," he added.

The UN debate is set for Dec 1-2.

Arafat called on Arab and friendly states to support the move to Geneva if the United States maintained its "obstinate and biased stand."

The statements in Kuwait by the PLO leader, who arrived from Libya where he conferred with Col. Moammar Khaddafi, were different from the ones he expressed with confidence only

two days earlier, indicating he was running out of patience over the visa issue.

He and his aides have been making statements showing that they considered the visa a fait accompli and Arafat has also indicated it was a formality that is arranged by the United Nations. In the meantime, officials at the PLO headquarters in Tunisia yesterday reported filing a visa application at the US consulate.

The PNC, the 450-member legislative body for the Palestinians, proclaimed an independent Palestinian state at a meeting in Algiers on Nov. 15.

Arafat said that 65 states had

so far recognised the recently proclaimed Palestinian state. "The continuing chain of recognition reflects the world's appreciation for the Palestinian struggle and uprising as well as Israel's isolation and muddled policies," Arafat said.

US denies visa

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP): The US State Department said today it has rejected PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's visa application to visit the United States to address the United Nations.

US Secretary of State George Shultz released his decision in a two-page statement.

Civil ID violators to be fined

By Lima Al Khalafawi

RESIDENTS who fail to register for the first time for the Civil ID cards by Dec 31 will be fined KD20, director-general of the Public Authority for Civil Information (PACI) Faisal Abdul Rahman Al Shaiji told the Arab Times yesterday.

He clarified that those who had registered, but had not obtained their cards will not be considered offenders. Sick persons and prison inmates will not be fined for failing to meet the deadline, the official said.

Register

He added that Kuwaiti nationals living abroad will have to register within 30 days after their arrival to Kuwait and new expatriates should register within 15 days after obtaining valid residence permits.

Offenders may contact PACI within 15 days from date of receiving an official notification. If the offence can be reconciled with the PACI, the violator will be permitted to pay a fine of KD20.

In case of families, only the head of the family will be fined KD20, each family member will not be fined.

Where no reconciliation with the offender can be agreed to by PACI, the issue will be referred to a court. As per the decision of the judge, the offender will be liable to a fine not exceeding KD100, the official said.

For newborn babies, parents must apply within 60 days after the birth of the child. If the parents fail to register the name due to the need to change the name of the child in the birth certificate, a temporary birth certificate should be provided to PACI, in which case the fine will be waived, Al Shaiji said.

Receive

The majority of Kuwaiti residents have already completed registration, the official added.

PACI has a special office to receive representatives of large companies to register all employees. This does away with the need of employees to visit the offices of the authority.

The new PACI Farwaniya office, which will be opened today by Planning Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, will have 400 seats and 75 counters.

Al Shaiji called upon the public to use the enquiry services provided by PACI for information on completion of card formalities and their collections. Information numbers for such services are telephone lines: 2658525, 2658527, 2658520, 2658528, 2658521, 2658520.

Black nationalists freed in S. Africa

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 26. (Reuters): Jailed black nationalists Zephania Mothopeng and Harry Gwala have been unconditionally released on humanitarian grounds, South Africa said today.

"It is confirmed that prisoners Harry Gwala and Zephania Mothopeng have today been released unconditionally on medical and humanitarian grounds," a statement by the prisons service said.

UN chief criticises Israel Situation in occupied areas worsening

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 26. (Agencies): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said yesterday the situation in Israel's occupied territories had worsened, with continuing civilian deaths and injuries and other serious human rights violations.

He said measures to enhance the safety and protection of the inhabitants, urgent though they were, would not resolve the underlying problem.

A resolution of the problem could only be reached through a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement, he said.

Perez de Cuellar's observations were contained in the first of periodic reports by the General Assembly in a resolution of Nov. 3 condemning Israel's actions in suppressing the 11-month-old Palestinian uprising, or intifada, in the West Bank and Gaza.

Worsened

"It is evident from the information provided in the attached annex that the overall situation in the occupied Palestinian territories has worsened," the secretary-general wrote.

"Civilian deaths and injuries continue to be widespread and so do other serious violations of human rights."

Most of the 18-page document consisted of summaries of reports on events in the territories published in the Israeli newspapers Haaretz and the Jerusalem Post between Sept. 1 and Nov. 1.

Israel had been asked on Nov. 10 to permit a senior UN official to examine the situation on the spot but by Nov. 14 had replied only that the request was being considered.

Perez de Cuellar said he was deeply distressed by the high number of casualties in the occupied lands and had noted that Israeli measures such as deportation, administrative detention and other collective punishments, including curfews and the blowing up of houses, could only aggravate the tension.

"He has received persistent

appeals protesting these measures and other human rights violations, in particular, the closure of schools and the lack of access to detention centres," the report said.

Perez de Cuellar said it was essential that the occupying power apply scrupulously the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention on the protection of civilians in time of war.

"However, as the secretary-general has repeatedly stated since the uprising began nearly a year ago, measures to enhance the safety and protection of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories, urgent as they are, will not resolve the underlying problem."

Detained

In the West Bank, a Palestinian assailant today hurled an improvised bomb at an Israeli Army patrol wounding one soldier, the Israeli military command said.

Arab witnesses said 100 to 150 Palestinians were detained after the attack.

The assault occurred in the West Bank town of Ramallah, 15 kms (nine miles) north of Jerusalem.

The patrol opened fire at the assailant. Troops closed the area and conducted searches, arresting several suspects, the Army said.

It said the soldier suffered light wounds and was taken to a hospital. The number of detainees was not specified.

Clashes between stone-throwing Palestinians and troops erupted today in the Gaza Strip, where Palestinians staged a partial commercial strike.

Three 14-year-old Palestinian youths were shot in the legs at the Nuseirat refugee camp and Gaza Strip's village of Zawaydah, said officials at Gaza's Ahli Arab hospital.

Another 16-year-old Palestinian who was seriously wounded in the head was transferred from Shifa Hospital to an Israeli hospital, the doctors said.



A small Arab boy peers out through a hole in a roadside fence at the Dehaleh refugee camp in West Bank. (Reuters wirephoto)

Fierce street battles continue

Amal militiamen seize Hezbollah positions

BEIRUT, Nov. 26. (Agencies): Rival Shiite militiamen fought fierce street battles today in a struggle for control of Muslim districts in West Beirut.

Amal, the pro-Syrian militia, pushed the Iranian-backed fundamentalist Hezbollah out of most of West Beirut on the second day of fierce street battles, police reported.

A police spokesman said 25 people were killed and 54 wounded in the last 24 hours in the fighting between Hezbollah and Amal.

That raised the overall toll to 35 dead and 74 wounded since the confrontation erupted in Beirut's southern slums Wednesday. It moved into central city districts yesterday.

Charge

The estimated 12,000 Syrian troops in charge of security in the city's Muslim sector offered safe conducts for surrendering Hezbollah fighters but made no serious effort to stop the fighting.

The new clashes between Hezbollah and Amal, struggling for dominance of the one million Shiites, Lebanon's largest sect, also appeared to reflect growing strain between Syria and Iran.

The Syria-Iran alliance has weakened since the Aug. 20 ceasefire in the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq.

Police said that by mid-afternoon today Amal had evicted Hezbollah from eight West

Beirut districts and was closing in on dikehead Hezbollah in the three other embattled neighbourhoods.

About 25 Hezbollah gunmen were seen surrendering to Syrian troops in the Zokak Blatt district after Amal fighters surrounded them in the private Arab Academy High School.

Weapons

The Hezbollah handed over their weapons to a Syrian Army captain, who sent them off in seven private cars. The officer refused to talk to reporters.

The Amal leader in Zokak Blatt, Ayman Shirri, said the Hezbollah fighters were being taken to the Iranian embassy "where they belong."

Jubilant Amal fighters fired automatic rifles in the air to celebrate their takeover of Zokak Blatt and the adjacent neighbourhoods of Mossaitbeh, Karakol Druze, Rue Spears, and Zaydaniyeh.

In Karakol Druze, smoke billowed from gutted shops and apartments as Amal fighters stormed a seven-storey residential building in search of Moussa Qawouk, a local Hezbollah leader.

"We've finished them. We killed all 11 Hezbollah who were terrorising the whole neighbourhood by sniper fire," said the local Amal commander who identified himself only as Bahji, an obvious code name.

Panicked

Stray shells started fires in several apartment buildings in the districts under fire, forcing panicked residents to take refuge in basements and bomb shelters.

"This is the first time I see daylight since Thursday night," Kamal Sharafeddine, a Karakol Druze resident, said.

"My wife, six children and I have been hiding in the basement since the clashes first broke out. I'll go search for food while my wife cleans the apartment of glass shreds," he added.

In the city's southern slums, the warring factions exchanged sniper fire that kept residents indoors. Police said no ground attacks were reported.

Second troubled exchange of POWs

BAGHDAD, Nov. 26. (Reuters): Nearly 70 sick or wounded prisoners of war flew to Iran and Iraq today in a second troubled swap of captives by the Gulf war foes.

The two sides said fewer than half the originally scheduled number of prisoners of war (POWs) were returned, with Iran saying some Iraqi captives had sought asylum and others were no longer sick.

Baghdad said only 51 Iraqi POWs instead of 115 originally expected arrived in Baghdad aboard a plane from Tehran chartered by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Demanding

In response, Iraq cut from 41 to 18 the number of Iranian POWs allowed to leave for Tehran aboard the same airliner.

Iran said only 51 Iraqis were sent as two sought political asylum while the ICRC had decided 21 were no longer ill and 11 others had overcome their illness. It did not explain what happened to the 30 others originally scheduled to leave.

Akram Al Witri, head of the Iraqi Foreign Ministry's legal department, said that Iraq was demanding that the ICRC present written evidence according to the Geneva Convention.

"I would like to ask the ICRC how could all that number of sick or wounded POWs, who were proven to be seriously ill, be cured in such a short period?"

Similar snags hit Thursday's start of what was billed as the biggest prisoner swap between Iran and Iraq after eight years of fighting which ended with a ceasefire last Aug. 20.

Both countries cut the size of the first groups to return. Under an agreement with the ICRC, Iran and Iraq were to repatriate about 1,500 sick or wounded POWs in groups of about 100 in the 10 days starting from Thursday — except for Friday.

Iraq said it had planned to return 41 Iranian POWs on Thursday, but reduced the number to 19 after the ICRC said that Iran would return only 52 Iraqis instead of a planned 115.

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Obesity: a big problem indeed

KUWAIT, Nov. 26. (KUNA): Obesity is Kuwait's most serious health problem given its epidemic proportions, a group of doctors and nutrition experts were told at the opening of the first Nutrition Week in Kuwait.

Head of the Health Ministry's nutrition and feeding department, Dr. Fawziya Al Awadi further warned that the number of obese people is rising steadily.

Al Awadi urged authorities to revise and introduce new nutrition education programmes at government and private schools.

Al Awadi, who was addressing a seminar on the subject at the Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital, said the event will examine all aspects of the obesity problem, including employment of genetics, engineering, physiotherapy, psychology and metabolism in treatment of this health hazard.

Earthquake rocks Canada and US

TORONTO, Nov. 26. (UPI): Canadians across three provinces and Americans from Michigan to Maine assessed the impact today of the strongest earthquake to hit eastern Canada in more than 50 years as electricity and telephone utilities worked to restore service in Quebec province.

Despite the force and wide scope of the quake last evening, only minor injuries were reported. The extent of damage was not immediately known, and authorities said they would be better able to determine it today.

Across

In Ottawa, seismologist John Adams of the Geological Survey of Canada (GSC), said the quake, which struck at 6:36 pm EST (2338 GMT) yesterday, measured 6.3 on the Richter scale and was centred north of Quebec City.

Several aftershocks struck Quebec province, with the largest occurring at 10:38 pm (0338 GMT) and measured at 4.5 on the Richter scale, the Canadian government said.

The main quake was felt as far north as North Bay, Ontario, and across the three Canadian provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Nova Scotia. High-rise buildings swayed in Toronto and in New York City.

Canadian television reported that an undetermined number of people suffered minor injuries when shoppers panicked after the lights went out at a Quebec City shopping centre.

Authorities said the quake was felt widely in the northeastern United States, over a wide swathe from Michigan to Maine and reaching as far south as Washington.

"I felt the vibration of the building for about three seconds,

said Curtis Sykes, who works on the 24th floor of an office tower in Lower Manhattan. "The building swayed appreciably."

Earthquake scientists in Canada and the United States said the quake struck the same area where a smaller "foreshock," recorded at a magnitude of at least 4.5 on the Richter scale, was felt on Wednesday.

The tremor was the strongest to hit eastern Canada since an earthquake measuring 6.2 struck Temiskaming, Quebec, in 1935, said Mary Cajka of the GSC.

Aftermath

Cajka said the tremor was centred in the Laurentide provincial park area, about 90 miles (145 kms) north of Quebec City.

The official Canadian Broadcasting Corp. reported that a railway bridge in Montreal was knocked out, among the worst known structural damage in the aftermath of the earthquake.

The Independent Canadian Television network said two natural gas lines caught fire near Chicoutimi, Quebec, close to the quake's epicentre, but the flames were quickly brought under control and no injuries were reported.

Quebec City chief engineer Claude Vincent said the quake caused "a few cracks in the walls, of buildings there."

In Syracuse, New York, Paul Ackerman, a corrections officer at the Auburn state prison, said he saw a bridge shake on his way home.

"I could hardly believe it," he said. "That kind of thing doesn't happen here."

A Brooklyn resident said she knew the shaking in her sixth-floor apartment was more than just a local disturbance when her mother called from her apartment more than two miles (3 kms) away.

هكزمن الاصل

Sidon office closed to protest Winkler's abduction

ICRC withdraws its Swiss staff from Lebanon

BEIRUT, Nov 26, (AP): The International Committee of the Red Cross began withdrawing its Swiss staff from Lebanon today ten days after a delegate was kidnapped in South Lebanon.

Sources at the ICRC in Beirut, requesting anonymity, said the organization will shut down the all-Swiss organization's operation throughout Lebanon if Peter Winkler was not released by next Saturday, Dec 3.

Three staffers left today for Geneva, leaving about 28 in the country. The three had worked in

ICRC's office in Sidon, which was closed down on Wednesday to protest Winkler's abduction there.

The office there helped the war disabled and visited detainees held by Israel.

The ICRC staffers are the only group of foreigners that has stayed on in West Beirut and South Lebanon despite the waves of kidnappings that forced all foreigners out of the country in the last four years.

Winkler, 32, was kidnapped by three unidentified gunmen

Nov 17. No group claimed responsibility.

Police have theorized that Winkler was kidnapped for a trade-off with Hussein Hariri, a Lebanese Shiite Muslim aircraft hijacker held in Switzerland.

Angelo Gnaedinger, ICRC's representative in the Middle East and North Africa, arrived from Geneva on Wednesday. He has been holding meetings with Palestinian and fundamentalist factions in Beirut and Sidon to try to secure Winkler's release.

In Sidon, Lebanese and foreign humanitarian institutions staged a one-day strike today to protest Winkler's abduction and the continued disappearance of Belgian doctor Jan Cools.

Cools, 32, disappeared May 21 after leaving his apartment in the Rashidiyah Palestinian refugee camp near the southern port of Tyre.

The closure of the ICRC office and its orthopaedic center in Sidon has affected both the staffers and beneficiaries from the services of the agency.

Second troubled exchange of POWs

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Tehran Radio said a third exchange would take place tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Iran announced yesterday that it will allow the first-ever visit by UN human rights investigators by the end of December in hopes of refuting reports that it has launched waves of executions.

Iran's UN Ambassador, Mohammad Jafar Mahallati, was responding to a General Assembly resolution to be voted on next week that alleges Iran is responsible for irregular legal process and human rights abuses.

Respects

Mahallati said Iran would support a General Assembly consensus resolution that called for the UN human rights investigator to "receive full co-operation of the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran in all respects before the end of 1988, for the purpose of carrying out his mandate."

Masoud Rajavi, leader of the Iraqi-based Mujahideen-e-Khalq yesterday urged the United Nations to consider expelling Iran for its violations of human rights.

Respect Afghan accord: Gorbachev

PARIS, Nov 26, (Reuters): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday pledged to respect the Geneva accord on withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan if the other partners to the agreement respect their part of the bargain.

"Why do I say that? Because at the moment they are not upholding their responsibilities," the Kremlin leader told French television in an interview.

The 50,000 remaining Soviet troops were due to be out of Afghanistan by Feb 15 under a United Nations-mediated agreement signed in April in Geneva, but the second stage of the withdrawal has already been postponed.

Official Soviet sources said yesterday that Moscow was considering formally postponing its troop withdrawal in the face of mounting attacks by Muslim guerrillas on Soviet Army units.

The sources, well-placed to know the trend of top-level thinking, said a final decision could be made after Gorbachev meets US President Reagan and President-elect George Bush on Dec 7 in New York.

Signed

"We are attached to the signed agreements. What's more, we hope our partners in the accords will be as responsible as we are," Gorbachev said in a reference to Pakistan and the United States, the main sources of arms for the guerrillas.

"We invite our partners to adopt this responsible attitude and we are reflecting on the question of how to apply the accords."

He said Moscow viewed respect for the Geneva agreement as a "touchstone" of the attitude of its partners to solving other regional conflicts.

"There are many conflicts in which we should co-operate," he said.

Mitterrand witnesses French cosmonaut launched into space

MOSCOW, Nov 26, (Agencies): A spacecraft carrying two Soviet and one French crewmen blasted off today for a month-long mission watched by President Francois Mitterrand of France.

Mitterrand, accompanied by his wife Danielle and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, peered through binoculars as the Soyuz TM-7 craft lifted off from the launch site at Baikonur in Soviet central Asia.

The launch, on the final day of Mitterrand's two-day visit to the Soviet Union, as shown live on Soviet television.

The Soyuz craft lifted off at 6.50 pm Moscow time (15.50 GMT), enveloping the launch pad in a white sheet of flame.

French cosmonaut Jean-Loup Christien, who also took part in a 1982 Soviet space shot, will become the first West European to walk in space during the mission aboard the orbiting Mir space station.

Christien is due to return to earth on Dec 21, with Mir's current two-man crew.

His two crewmates, mission

commander Alexander Volkov and Sergei Krikalyov, will take over operation of Mir and return to earth next April.

Mitterrand flew to Baikonur aboard his Concorde aircraft after a final meeting in Moscow with Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, with whom he had some three hours of talks on Friday.

The Soviet news agency Tass said the two leaders summed up the results of their talks, with both sides expressing "deep satisfaction with the fact that their positions on many issues coincided."

Mitterrand was due to fly back to Paris after the launch.

In an interview in Moscow with French television, Mitterrand appeared to defend France's controversial support for a Moscow human rights conference in 1991.

Mitterrand drew fire from other Western nations last month when he said France would attend the conference planned by Moscow if conditions in the Soviet Union are judged fitting.

Other states said it would be absurd to hold a human rights gathering in a country which still has political prisoners.

"Of course questions have been asked and are still being asked, and Western powers are discussing under what conditions this conference will be held," Mitterrand said.

"Nevertheless, the Soviet Union is one of our partners with whom we must discuss the question of human rights," added Mitterrand.

France and the Soviet Union are among the 35 signatories of the 1975 Helsinki human rights agreement.

As part of the Helsinki follow-up process to build security and co-operation between East and West Europe, conferences on human rights are due to be held in Paris next year, Copenhagen in 1990 and, if agreed, the Soviet Union in 1991.

"We cannot ignore the Soviet Union when we talk about human rights, because it is as much a signatory of the Helsinki accord as we are," Mitterrand said.

India asks Sri Lanka to provide security

COLOMBO, Nov 26, (Reuters): The Indian High Commission today warned its nationals to shun remote areas and stay in the capital following the killings of three Indian civilians at a sugar factory.

It said it has asked Sri Lanka to provide security to Indians working on the island.

The advice was given after three Indians working at a sugar factory in the southeast district of Monaragala were shot dead on Wednesday by suspected members of the People's Liberation Front (JVP).

It said it had asked Sri Lankan authorities to provide adequate security for Indian nationals engaged in projects on the island.

In more violence in the troubled island, Marxist rebels posing as commuters killed three soldiers in an attack on a bus and the government clamped a curfew on several areas around the capital

for the rest of the weekend.

A government statement said the curfew would be in effect from 9.00 pm today until 4.00 am, on Monday, extending Colombo's night-time curfew imposed three weeks ago when the rebels called a general strike and issued death threats in a bid to topple the government of President Junius Jayewardene.

The statement gave no explanation for the extension. The rest of the island has night curfews of varying length.

Military sources said an unknown number of People's Liberation Front (JVP) rebels, posing as passengers on the state-run bus, took his weapon and stabbed him. They then shot dead the second one.

A third soldier, on escort duty on another bus, attempted to help but the rebels shot him as they fled. He died in hospital.

Former Iranian minister dies of stab wounds

NICOSIA, Nov 26, (Agencies): A former Iranian health minister died of stab wounds in Tehran two days after being attacked by a man posing as a patient, the Iranian news agency IRNA said today.

IRNA said Kazem Sami, a liberal minister in the first cabinet after Iran's 1979 revolution and a brain specialist, died yesterday after surgery for knife wounds to his head and arm.

The assailant, pretending to be a patient at Sami's clinic, escaped after the attack, IRNA added. It did not say if the assault was politically motivated.

Sami will be buried today, Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi has sent condolences to his family, IRNA said.

Sami was a professor at Tehran University and head of the psychotherapy department at Raazi Mental Hospital.

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Death toll rises to 311

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Soviets deny Armenian massacre

Gerasimov said he could not confirm or deny these reports.

A spokesman for the Armenian news agency Armenpress in

Also under curfew is the city of Stepanakert, capital of the disputed enclave of Nagorno-

would take place sometime before the session of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet parliament, next Tuesday.

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as much land as they were previously permitted to hold.

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King Fahd's eldest brother buried in unmarked grave

RIYADH, Nov 26, (Agencies): Prince Mohammed Bin Abdel Aziz, eldest brother of Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, was buried yesterday in an unmarked grave in a public cemetery.

The burial was in the tradition of the religious asceticism of the Wahabites, the Islamic community dominant in Saudi Arabia.

In the same cemetery — named Al Awd after the area of the capital Riyadh where it is located — all the former kings of the Al Saud dynasty lie in unmarked graves.

Kingdom

Mohammed, who died yesterday at the age of 80, was the eldest surviving son of King Abdel Aziz Al Saud. Mohammed was one of the warriors that helped his father unify most of the Arabian Peninsula into the modern kingdom.

Officials working on housing problems

MINISTER of State for Housing Affairs Nasser Al Roudhan said that the state will not abandon its obligation to offer free government housing for citizens as long as Kuwait's economic position permits such plans and development programmes.

The Public Housing Authority (PHA) is concentrating on meeting the wishes of HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to reduce the period that citizens have to wait for their houses, the official said.

Speaking on the same issue, Dr Ibrahim Al Shahr, PHA director, said that the authority will continue its policy of vertical construction during the coming

five-year plan, despite opposition from residents.

The plan calls for 200 square metre three floor connected houses as of January 1990-91 until January 1995-96.

The lack of suitable land to build is the main problem being faced by the state in developing the housing projects as planned, according to authoritative sources.

They added that the difficulty in obtaining sufficient areas for villas for citizens obliges the authority to build flats instead.

The nature of the lands are also a cause for concern in some areas. Much of the land contains oil beds which cause cave-ins like those in the Dhahar area.

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Respected Prince Mohammed passed the chance to be king twice in favour of his younger brothers and half-brothers. He was dubbed the "maker of kings" and was the most respected personality in the house of Al Saud. Even the kings used to refer to him to settle

dom of Saudi Arabia that he proclaimed in 1932.

King Fahd, Crown Prince Abdullah and visiting dignitaries from neighbouring Gulf countries led the huge gathering of male members of the royal family and commoners who gathered at the main mosque of Riyadh to pray over the body of Mohammed.

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Shipping firms await lower insurance fees

SOON after the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq was announced, international insurance companies reduced insurance rates in the Arabian Gulf, according to Issa Al Mazidi, the Minister of State for Service Affairs.

But the reductions were not proportionate to the exaggerated increase introduced during the war, he said. Shipping companies operating in the Gulf region are still awaiting for further reductions to encourage normal operations.

Worried

The reason for the delay in bringing down the insurance charges to pre-war levels is that big insurance companies including Lloyds of London are still worried about the future of the peace process in the region. The companies still vividly recall the huge amounts of compensation they incurred on over 500 ships and tankers hit during the Gulf war.

The next stage that will require active movements of shipping in the Gulf will be the need to carry materials for the reconstruction projects both in Iraq and Iran, Mazidi said.

In an interview with a local daily on the same subject, Abdul Aziz Al Zamil, director-general

of United Arab Shipping Co. (UASC), said insurance rates weren't the only fees to be increased during the war.

Shipping charges and ship leasing fees were also raised. Al Zamil also said fears over the existence of mines in international waters are affecting the shipping movement.

Al Zamil said there is no shortage of ports or marine facilities in the area, but there is a shortage in freights compared to 1982.

Activate

He said that relevant laws applicable in Kuwait and other GCC countries negatively affected the shipping movement in the region. He said he hopes that the current legislation will be reviewed to help activate the shipping sector.

The shipping company did not have either Kuwaiti or GCC captains, although the company spent a lot of money to qualify Kuwaiti and other GCC citizens during the past years.

Iraqi authorities had experienced a desire to modernise the Iraqi ports and the company is ready to extend the necessary services to such ports, Al Zamil said. Iraq is one of the states that own the UASC.

Agricultural programme under way

KUWAIT, Nov 26, (KUNA): A specialised programme in agricultural planning began here today at the Arab Planning Institute with the participation of 20 trainees from 10 Arab countries.

The programme, which is being held in co-operation with the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) will last till Dec 21. Participants will review and evaluate agricultural policies and schemes.

The trainees will be lectured on ways to plan, analyse and follow up on agricultural projects. Agricultural plans in several Arab states will also be reviewed.

Kuwait Fund loan to Cyprus

KUWAIT, Nov 26, (OPECNA): The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development is to extend a supplementary loan of \$8.80 million to Cyprus to help finance a road project.

The project entails the construction of two highways — Larnaca to Nicosia and Larnaca to Kophinou — and is designed to help cope with the increased traffic.

Kuwaitisation of judiciary sought

KUWAIT, Nov 26, (KUNA): Justice and Legal Affairs Minister Dhari Al Othman has said that the ministry is seeking Kuwaitisation of the judiciary as soon as possible.

In an interview with a local daily Al Othman added that the ministry would broaden the base of jurists quantitatively and qualitatively.

A draft law to reorganise the judiciary has been made taking into consideration viewpoints of the higher judicial council, he said.

The Ministry of Justice has asked a number of prosecutors and lawmen from the Court of Appeal and members of the District Attorney's office to give their opinion on the draft law, he added.

The employment of women in the judiciary has been ruled out as both impractical and illegal from the Islamic point of view.

Al Othman concluded that several projects will be implemented to facilitate work within the ministry and upgrade the profession.

Audience

KUWAIT, Nov 26, (KUNA): H.H. the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah received today the Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed, State Minister for Municipal Affairs Mohammed Abdul Mohsen Al Refai, State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed and Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Kharafi.

Gulf leaders want Egypt back in League

KUWAIT, Nov 26, (Reuters): Gulf Arab leaders are expected to start a drive to bring Egypt back into the Arab League, a Kuwaiti newspaper reported today.

Al Rai Al Aam said leaders of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain were expected to discuss the move at the annual meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in Bahrain next month.

Cut

Most of the Arab world cut diplomatic ties with Egypt in 1979 when it signed a peace treaty with Israel. Cairo's membership in the Arab League was frozen.

With the exception of Lebanon, Libya and Syria, all Arab states have restored ties with Cairo in the past year. Algeria announced the resumption of relations on Thursday.

All Arab League resolutions must be passed unanimously and diplomats say Syria and Libya oppose Egypt's return. Libya said yesterday it could not restore relations as long as the Israeli flag flew in Cairo.

Guidelines suggested for press

THE director of the General Department for Installation Security and Special Troops Brig. Yousef Thumiyah Al Mishari, said that the department takes great care to allow press personnel to cover arrivals and departures of dignitaries and official guests.

He recommended that the department be provided with details about reporters who will be covering any official event. Based on this information the department will help these reporters move about at the airport or at other installations.

Al Mishari appealed to all ministries and government agencies as well as to the editors-in-chief of local newspapers to follow these guidelines to help the department provide the media with access to restricted areas during high-security occasions.

Students urge formation of committee

THE Kuwait National Students Union has appealed to Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Al Shamlan and Kuwait University Rector Dr Abdul Mohsen Al Abdul Razzak to form an ad hoc fact-finding committee to look into cases involving the admission of students who do not meet registration requirements.

The local media has reported about these cases the union said. The appeal, in the form of a letter addressed to the two officials, expressed the union's utmost concern about compliance with the by-laws and regulations of the university.

Iraqi display planned

THE new Bahrain National Museum will display rare Iraqi objects when it opens next month.

The exhibits will include objects representing the period of the Mesopotamian empire, which dates back around the same time as the Dilmun civilisation. There will be precious gold and stones representing different periods of Iraq's history.

According to Turki Almoayed, Minister of Information, it will be the first time that civilisations of both countries will be compared in the same premises with actual objects on show.

The Bahraini minister recently discussed the idea of displaying Iraqi exhibits here with his Iraqi counterpart during a meeting in Baghdad.

Children's programmes discussed at seminar

A SEMINAR was recently sponsored by the Faculty of Education "Information and Education."

Speaking at the seminar, Dr Farouq Al Loughani from the Faculty of Education at Kuwait University called for the formation of a committee comprised of writers, educational scientists and psychologists.

Members of the committee would monitor and censor all printed matter for children, he said.

Variety

Children's programmes should be re-evaluated from time to time and the scope of subjects should be given more variety, he added.

Dr Adel Al-Falah, director general of World Islamic Charitable Authority, called for encouraging cartoon programmes. In view of the importance of these films, and their role towards enlightening children,

payments should be increased to between KD20 and 30 per minute instead of KD4, he said.

He called for co-ordination between the educational and information institutions to avoid contradictions in objectives. He also called on Arab and major Gulf institutions to financially assist and encourage educational and information projects.

Dr Qassem Al Sarraf from Kuwait University, stressed the importance of the role information can play in shaping character and personalities. He recommended that the information sector should consist of intellectuals with expertise in the latest technology for dissemination of information.

The Kuwaiti Society for the Arab Childhood Advancement spent about KD100,000 for producing 100 educational episodes for children to be presented by Arab Gulf television stations.

Auditing Bureau succeeds in reducing violations

THE head of the Auditing Bureau, Fares Al Wigayyan has said that notices and violations cited by the auditing control of the bureau have been instrumental in their reductions.

Ministries and establishments have responded positively and co-operated in avoiding similar mistakes in their undertakings and have given due cognisance to the comments of the bureau.

Reports

"Details of such violations are not made public by the bureau. The annual reports of the bureau are provided to the concerned authorities for their perusal, the official said.

The bureau set up a planning committee to develop work procedures and increase productivity.

States urged to implement proposals

KUWAIT, Nov 26, (KUNA): The adviser at the Amiri Diwan, Abdul Aziz Hussein, today urged the Arab states to implement the recommendations compiled in an recently prepared report aimed at promoting Arab culture within the context of a comprehensive plan.

He called for setting up high-level committees in the Arab countries to examine and put into effect the findings of the report which was prepared after extensive studies by the Arab Comprehensive Cultural Plan Supreme Committee.

News agencies meet growing needs

RIYADH, Nov 26, (KUNA): National news agencies of member states of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) are reaching a collective understanding to serve their joint march in the field of information, Dr Abdullah Al Jassir, director general of Information Affairs at the GCC General Secretariat said here Saturday.

Latest He made the remarks today on the occasion of the release of a 72-page updated second edition of a book entitled "The GCC National News Agencies." The book provides the latest information on activities of these agencies and their future goals.

Dr Al Jassir said the secretariat is fully aware of the importance of national news agencies in projecting the GCC states' common hopes and visions.

To realise this mission, the secretariat proposed a meeting of heads of the news agencies in the second half of 1984. The meeting led to a collective understanding that was blessed by the GCC information ministers during their first meeting.

The GCC is made up of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

Need Dr Al Jassir said the secretariat had identified the need for a regional news gathering and distribution centre at the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency to collect and circulate news bulletins from these news agencies abroad via similar information centres.

He added that the secretariat is encouraging the flow of information among the GCC states. Periodic reports and analyses cast light on developments and technical expertise is exchanged. Maximum use of the Arab satellite services is also being studied.

"Moreover, the secretariat extends a helping hand to the spread of regional culture. Joint training courses in various information and technical spheres are

being offered," Dr Al Jassir said.

The book gives detailed accounts of the foundation and functions of every national news agency. The GCC national news agencies are the Saudi Press Agency (SPA), the Omani News Agency (ONA), the Qatari News Agency (QNA), the United Arab Emirates News Agency (WAM), the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), and the Gulf News Agency (GNA).

One of the oldest of these news agencies, is the Saudi Press Agency, set up in 1970 under a royal decree to be a central body to collect, edit and distribute domestic, regional and international news, reports and analyses inside and outside the kingdom, according to the book.

Reliable In a short time, SPA has become the main source of reliable news of the kingdom. Moreover, its rational and authentic news service has acquired tremendous credibility at regional and international levels.

SPA's performance has been facilitated by the remarkable advancement of telecommunication facilities during the past two decades. The kingdom has been linked by fast and effective communication and telecommunication networks at regional and international levels.

The flow of information to and from SPA has become easy, thanks to the great technical know-how acquired by the agency. SPA has established close ties with regional and international news agencies and information centres to promote news exchanges and free flow of news and data.

Member SPA is a constituent member of the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA), the International Islamic News Agency (IINA) and the Non-Aligned News Agencies Pool. SPA also participates effectively in meetings of regional and international news agency federations.

SPA's news department includes domestic and foreign

desks, a translation desk, English news (which is now computerised) and a French news services wing.

SPA also has a research and information centre and other administrative and technical departments. These services are manned by well-qualified national cadres who are provided with modern and sophisticated equipment.

SPA, which adheres strictly to the Saudi information policy and works round the clock, transmits news in Arabic. The agency issues bulletins in English and French on all important domestic, Arab, Islamic and international events with a daily average of 150 items. Foreign and domestic photo services are also provided by SPA.

The Saudi Press Agency has branch offices in the kingdom's main cities and other urban and rural areas. It has foreign offices in Beirut, Cairo, San'a, London, Ankara, Washington and Tunis as well as foreign correspondents in Islamabad, Amman and Bonn. The agency has plans to establish similar offices in other areas.

Advanced SPA has an integrated technical and engineering section for operation and maintenance which is equipped with the most advanced equipment and well-trained and qualified cadres. This section includes a planning and follow-up wing, a central control wing, and a maintenance centre.

The UAE News Agency (WAM) was set up in November 1976 to cover state news and public and private activities. It has a correspondent's department, a central domestic and foreign news desk and engineering and administrative departments.

The agency offers a free infor-

mation service for subscribers and feeds local papers with photos for 17 hours a day.

On the domestic level, WAM distributes its news items by direct ground networks and in some cases via radio transmission. Its transmission centre sends news to the outside world in English and Arabic. WAM, a member of FANA, has signed bilateral co-operation accords with a number of regional and international news agencies and information centres throughout the world. It uses photo services from United Press International (UPI) and the Associated Press (AP).

The Oman News Agency (ONA) was established in May 1986 to cover the state's news. Its 12-hour daily transmission is through direct telex lines. It has dual-communication lines for communications with a number of regional and international news agencies, such as QNA, GNA, MENA, Reuters and DPA. ONA has plans to have a similar service with SPA shortly.

ONA's news bulletins are being re-distributed by the Qatari News Agency (QNA) and the Tunisian Press Agency. It has a daily English bulletin and many local and foreign correspondents.

The Qatari News Agency was set up in 1975 to distribute news, reports and analyses and shed light on events of national importance.

It sends its news to nearly 120 subscribers worldwide. It collects news from its local and foreign correspondents, its monitoring section and other regional and international news agencies.

QNA has daily news bulletins in Arabic, English, French, Spanish and Portuguese. Its photo service dispatches 180 photos a month.

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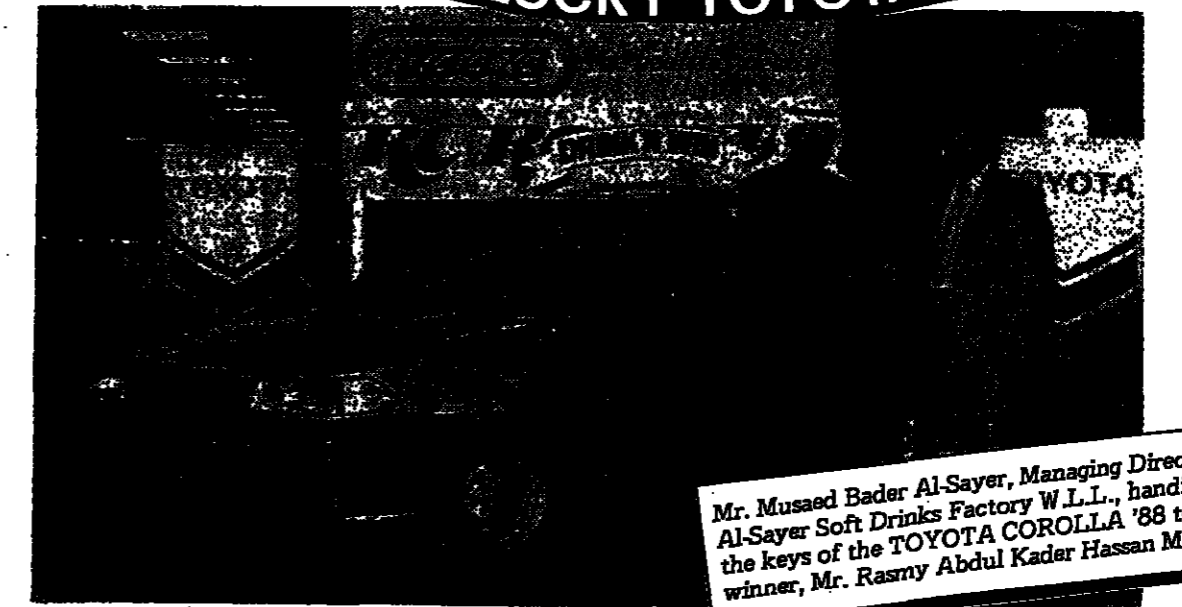
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GOING PLACES

Seen through the camera of Mebusch



A portrait by Mebusch.

By Gail Seery

FOR German photoartist Heinz Mebusch, the ultimate challenge posed by photography is self-knowledge. The artist, who opened an exhibition of his work entitled, *Seen from Afar*, at the Boushahri Galleries yesterday, sees his creative photography as something which enhances his own understanding of himself.

Of course, for many people, photography is a means of recording memories, and commercially, a means of selling and of promoting. It is not always considered to be in the same vein as the other visual arts. "Photography is very much a field of the arts," disagrees Mebusch. However, it is still inhibited by the parallel use of the medium as a means of selling, and in specific fields such as portraiture, it has become an imitation of painted portraits.

"I have studied photography, its history and philosophy

as well as its techniques. I have tried to go back to the start, and to use photography in a different way. The photographs I am exhibiting in Kuwait are quite simple, and depend more on the personality of the photographer than on technical devices.

"The exhibition is entitled *Seen from Afar*, and has two sides. The first is the transportation of an image through time and space, so that it is presented out of context. It is a different way of seeing an image," he said.

The second aspect is portraiture. Mebusch points out, that unlike in painting, a photographic image is immediate. "When we take a picture we have to decide whether we are interested in seeing what is, or what we would like to be; reality, or image. The camera is nothing but an analysis of our eye, a black box with a lens and film."

Ideally, Mebusch feels that one of his portraits should prompt a "reconsideration of

photography." A portrait should be an extension of himself, a person, seen very much through his own eyes. "I should destroy the awareness of the media, the camera, and the subject should react to the photographer, not the camera," he says. The result is something far from significant than the standard type of portrait.

The exhibition features a number of photo-portraits of artists. These are all treated in exactly the same technical manner, so that it is the personality of the artist which should stand out. Each of the subjects is an individual — some of the subjects are hostile to each other, but Mebusch feels that, taken as a set they make something of a social comment.

Mebusch has been in Kuwait for around a week and is finding the experience fascinating, as this is his first trip to the Gulf area.

Seen from Afar was opened by the German Ambassador to Kuwait, Dr Bernd Wulffen.



Mebusch: in search of images and space



Concert pianist Matthias Kellig and violinist Tibor Kovacs enthralled the audience at a recital held last week at the Kuwait Hilton Hotel. They played music by Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms and Camille Saint-Saens. Above: Kovacs and Kellig in performance

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT-THURS: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Indian Art Show
UNTIL DEC. 15: Richness in Spirit is the title of an exhibition of Indian contemporary art. Figurative art by 30 painters is on show at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm.

Boushahri Gallery
PHOTO exhibition entitled "Seen from Afar" at Boushahri Gallery. Black and white portraits of people around the world and famous artists are shown by German photographer Heinz G. Mebusch. Open from 9 am to 12 noon; 5-8 pm.

Painting Exhibition
UNTIL NOV 30: Kuwaiti artist Fadel Al Abbar is showing a collection of modern art paintings at the Kuwait National Museum; open during museum hours.

Ghadir Gallery
UNTIL DEC 31: Paintings of Matthew Digby Wyatt (1820-1877) and antiques will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salsik Complex. The show will be open from 9 am to 12:30 pm and 4-8:30 pm.

CINEMA

Aspects of Modern Soviet Cinema
TODAY'S film, listed below, will be screened at 7:30 pm at the Chambers of Commerce and Industry auditorium.

NOV 27: "Weirdo", starring Christina Orbakaitė, Yury Nikulin; directed by Rolan Bykov.

British Council
NOV 30 (6 pm); Dec 1 (10:30 am): A feature film for children Fern, The Red Deer, will be shown at the British Council, Mansouriya.

DEC 3/4: This month's feature film "The Third Man", winner of the Grand Prix (Best Feature Film) International Film Festival, stylish thriller set in Vienna, with a typically seedy post-war plot. All the performances are good, with Trevor Howard and Orson Welles in the best roles.

Admission is free but it is

advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512/2533204.

LECTURE

British Council
NOV 27-29: A talk on education in Scotland will be given each evening on undergraduate and postgraduate study during a four-day promotion of Scottish universities and polytechnics at the British Council, 2 Al-Arab St., Mansouriya. Open from 9 am to 12:30 pm; 5-8 pm.

Eton College Choir
DEC 20: 8 pm. Kuwait Hilton Hotel presents the Eton College Choir. They will be performing for the first time in Kuwait. For reservations contact the hotel ext. 8006/8007.

MUSIC

Filipino Song Festival
DEC 2: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at 4 pm. The venue will be announced later. All Filipinos are welcome.

Upasana
DEC 8: Upasana presents musical evening at IAC. Old songs from Malayalam, Hindi and other regional Indian languages will be presented.

SOCIAL

Daniella
ALL Danes are invited to the annual children's party on Dec 16, 3 pm, at the Gazette Club. For reservations phone Marianne 3710214 ext. 29; Lizzy — 3710478 before Dec 5. **German-Speaking Cultural Association**
DEC 1, 3 pm, Dec 2, 5 pm: The annual Christmas bazaar will be held on Thursday and

Friday at the Hilton Hotel, Old Failaka Room. Everyone is welcome.

KAPILKU-FLASSIK

Elections
DEC 9: General meeting and election of 1989 Kapilku-Flasik officers will be held at 1 pm. Philippines Embassy. Candidates will be nominated on the same day. All Filipinos are requested to attend.

At the Meridien
VERSAILLES: grilled seafood, meat or fish fondue featured, lunch and dinner.

Caramba: Mexican Night
is held every Sunday at La Brasserie. Buffet features traditional "south of the border" specialties including tacos, tortillas and refried beans, plus live mariachis music.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach
MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

At the Holiday Inn
THURSDAY night is an Indian night featuring exotic cuisine; top Arabian singers serenade in the Al Andalus.

Friday brunch — fun time for families; games, prizes. Also open to Jaycee Club members.

At the Ramada
LE MIRAGE Night Club: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arzz Band.

Al Bandar Coffee Shop: Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and din-

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar: Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Quloob Al Baidah: Arabic serial
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Zawaj Bil Computer: local Arabic serial, starring Hayat Al Fahad, Ghanem Al Saleh, Ali Al Muftedi, Hind Kamel
12.00 News Summary
12.15 Believe it or Not!
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoons
5.15 Tum Tek and Children
5.45 Songs
6.00 Islam Wal Insaan: historical serial, starring Omar Hari, Zahrat Al Ula, Awar Ismael, Hala Fakher
7.00 News Summary
7.20 Music
7.55 Diwaniyat Shuara Al Nabt: poetry session
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Makaan Fi Al Qalb: Arabic serial
10.45 Studio 88: weekly



Farah Fawcett (right) plays Barbara Hutton in *Poor Little Rich Girl*, tonight's best-seller at 10.30 pm on KTV 2.

variety show
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Thundercats: cartoons
6.30 Fast Forward: a look at the changed methods of war.
7.00 Steel Riders:
7.30 Challenge: Bali — and way of life on this island.
8.00 News in English
8.40 The Flying Doctors.
9.30 Hooperman: "Hot-wired". John Ritter

plays Harry Hooperman.
10.00 She is the Sheriff: "Max Moves."
10.30 Best-Seller: "Poor Little Rich Girl." Barbara Hutton has everything money can buy but true love. In search of true love, she tries to fill the void in seven marriages. Starring: Farah Fawcett Majors
11.30 News in Brief
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Malaf Samiya Sharawi (Arabic)
Starring: Nadia Al Jundi, Kamal Shinnawi

Al Sahniya
Kuwait National Theatre performance

Al Hamra
New Delhi
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Thought for today

WE may be willing to tell a story twice, but are never willing to hear it more than once — William Hazlitt, English writer (1778-1830).

President's mood fuels speculation

By John Fullerton

BAGHDAD. (Reuters): The weather forecast and the hit parade are back in Iraq's state-run newspapers for the first time since war with Iran erupted eight years ago.

It may seem a trivial matter. But diplomats and Iraqis themselves weigh up any change, no matter how petty, in trying to gauge how society will develop now that the guns are silent.

A rise in the price of eggs, the appointment of a new minister and whether President Saddam Hussein smiles or frowns on the nightly television news all fuel speculation.

There are glimmers of change in the socialist state, run very much from the top by Hussein aided by his 10-member Revolutionary Command Council.

Yet diplomats differ on how these signs should be interpreted. Some say a relaxation of social controls is the inevitable result of economic liberalisation others believe a strong element of coercion will remain a fact of life for the foreseeable future.

Will Saddam be able to meet popular aspirations unleashed by the end of the fighting?

Power
Some diplomats say the 51-year-old leader has a feel for power and a strong desire for public acclaim — what his ruling party calls the support of the masses.

"Saddam keeps his finger on the public pulse," said one Middle East envoy. "Whatever else his intelligence and security services do, they provide vital early warning of popular reaction to an event or policy."

These diplomats cite a fresh recruiting drive last month by the Popular Army, which is composed — on paper at least — of volunteers.

The intention, the diplomats say, was not to send a new batch of soldiers to the front but to create a civil force to help in peacetime reconstruction.

Recruiting
"No announcement was made and people just ducked for cover when the recruiters appeared," said the Arab diplomat. "When the authorities realised what the mood was, the recruiting drive was called off."

This sort of pragmatic responsiveness has helped keep Saddam in power, the diplomats believe. Saddam became president in 1979 but had in effect been the

power behind the Baath Party since the 1968 revolution.

"One thing you must know about the president," said an Iraqi businessman. "He knows his people very well. He knows what they need to keep themselves going."

The diplomats argue that Hussein had foreseen the need to reform the economy and that the process of privatisation begun last year was aimed at boosting productivity and attracting foreign trade.

The engine of economic reform, they say, will eventually roll back at least some social controls.

Monopoly
"What's the point of breaking up the state monopoly on tourism and encouraging joint ventures with foreign firms if you don't give foreigners and Iraqis the opportunity to travel more freely?" asked one European envoy.

Some forms of public dissent are punishable by long prison terms or execution. But on Nov 7 Information Minister Latif Nassif Al-Jassem said a free press was of paramount importance now Iraq was no longer at war.

At Baghdad University there is a "freedom wall" where students can express grievances. Some newspapers now carry letters complaining about high prices or difficulties in obtaining college places.

However, not all analysts and diplomats take the same view of possible trends in Iraq. "There is a private sector but it is likely to remain a secondary partner or supplicant of the state," argued one foreign political observer.

Forces
Some diplomats say Iraq will have to maintain large and well-equipped armed forces even if the peace talks achieve a lasting settlement with Iran.

"You can't just open the floodgates and have a million men looking for work," said one. One school of thought sees Iraq trying to moderate its policies at home and abroad so it can assume the leadership of a moderate Arab alliance.

War debt totalling some \$60 billion, coupled with the low price of oil on the world market, should constrain Baghdad from taking radical action, some diplomats say.

Others argue that economic difficulties could encourage Iraq to focus on external issues to divert attention from local grievances.

Ethiopia yearns for guns to grow silent

By Rory Channing

ADDIS ABABA. (Reuters): Guns and hopes preoccupy Marxist Ethiopia's leaders.

They yearn for the guns to grow silent in the north, where for 26 years government forces have been trying to put down insurrection.

And, forced in recent years to seek emergency food aid abroad, they want farmers' hoes to clunk louder in a drive to meet Ethiopia's grain needs.

A resolution adopted at a five-day, bi-annual meeting of the Central Committee of the Ruling Workers Party of Ethiopia last week identified food self-sufficiency as one of the major aims of the next five-year plan due to start in mid-1989.

It also renewed calls for peace with rebels in the north, saying efforts to develop the economy can not bear full fruit unless the bloodshed ends.

President Mengistu Haile Mariam gave the committee what political analysts consider a little touch of Soviet-style glasnost last week by disclosing the burden of conflict in two northern provinces with the Eritrean Peoples Liberation Front and the Tigray Peoples Liberation Front.

Mengistu said the defence budget had jumped 13-fold to 1.5 billion birr (\$725 million) since 1974, when he and fellow military officers ousted Emperor Haile Selassie.

The defence budget now swallows 50 per cent of the regular budget, said Mengistu, who is leader of the civilian government elected 14 months ago to take over from the provisional military administration, which he also headed.

The economy as measured by Gross Domestic Product (GDP) had by contrast grown only 1.9 per cent a year over the past decade, he said.

This is well below the three per cent growth he mentioned for the population, currently 47 million people, and the 6.4 per cent GDP annual growth envisaged in the so-called 10-year perspective plan instituted in 1984.

Mengistu attributed the sluggishness in the economy to the war effort and a fall in the peasant-dominated farm activity on which 89 per cent of the population rely for a livelihood and which accounts for 44 per cent of GDP.

Ethiopia, after famine in 1984/85 which killed several thousand people and drought in 1987 which prompted an appeal for emergency food aid for 5.2 million at risk, enjoyed bumper rains and crops this year.

The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has tentatively estimated grain harvests will be 16 per cent higher than last year at 7.0 million tonnes.

But the speed at which the population is growing means Ethiopia has over 1.4 million new mouths to feed each year.

Shortages
The Central Committee also offered foreign and local businessmen a bigger role in the state-run economy, in a further easing of rigid centrally planned policy which critics say have contributed to the food shortages.

Last December it raised producer prices for farmers and relaxed controls over private farm trade which persuaded the European Economic Community and the World Bank to release development funds frozen for years because of policy differences.

Jayewardene besieged by both sides

By Dalton de Silva

COLOMBO. (Reuters): Violence sweeping Sri Lanka will soon plunge the country into anarchy unless urgent action is taken to halt it, politicians and leading citizens say.

The government of President Junius Jayewardene is besieged by both sides of the ethnically divided nation. Guerrillas of the minority Tamil community are pressing ahead with an armed campaign for an independent homeland in the north and radical youths of the majority Sinhalese community have gone on a spree of killing and destruction in southern parts of the Indian Ocean island.

Resignation
In its latest report, police said the Sinhalese-dominated People's Liberation Front shot dead 18 people on Tuesday. The government has accused the Marxist group of killing more than 600, mostly supporters of the ruling United National Party, since the signing of an accord in July last year between Sri Lanka and India aimed at ending the Tamil revolt.

The Marxists are demanding the government's resignation, citing mismanagement and the presence of 50,000 Indian troops who were sent to enforce the accord and disarm the fighters of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

Former Prime Minister Sirima Bandaranaike told Jayewardene this week that essential services had been disrupted and an increasing number of political killings and other violence had caused fear and insecurity.

"If this trend continues, it will pave the way to total anarchy quite soon," Bandaranaike said in a letter to Jayewardene.

The leader of a group of leading citizens who are trying to help find a solution to ethnic and ideological strife said lawlessness was widespread and creeping into the capital, Colombo.

"We are on the verge of anarchy," stated Brigadier S.D.N. Hapugalle, president of the National Amity Movement, at a meeting of the group on Tuesday night.

Leading businessmen and professionals, who manage and control the country's wealth, are the latest to join calls for the government's immediate resignation.

Dissolved
"Parliament should be dissolved immediately. Not that it will resolve the problem. But, it will be a step towards a solution," said Neville Kanakarathne, a former ambassador to Washington and Moscow.

His view is shared by the Buddhist, Christian and Islamic clergy, opposition political groups, trade unionists, academics, students, professionals and businessmen.

They are demanding the immediate dissolution of parliament, the announcement of dates for simultaneous presidential and general elections and the setting up of an interim national government with opposition representatives to conduct the voting.

Presidential elections are scheduled for Dec 19, but voting for parliament is not due until August next year.

Jayewardene has agreed to dissolve parliament and form a national interim government with the condition that front leader Rohana Wijeweera, along with other opposition representatives, join the caretaker administration.

Wijeweera has not responded.

Dissolution
"Every section of the people of this country wants a dissolution of parliament. Give the country a chance," pleaded Dr D.R. Karunaratne, president of 17,000-member Organisation of Professional Associations.

Karunaratne, a consultant paediatrician and director of the country's leading children's hospital, said some areas of southern Sri Lanka were like ghost towns.

Residents said there were daily "political killings" electricity and water supplies disrupted for days, schools closed for more

than a month, offices, shops and banks open on and off, road and rail transport scarce.

The government has blamed what it calls "southern subversives" for the violence. It is a term used to describe members of the Front and its ally, the Patriotic People's Movement.

Condemn
The Sinhalese youths have condemned the accord signed by Jayewardene and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi as a sell-out to India and the Tamils because of concessions it has given to the minority community, who make up about 12 per cent of the 16 million population.

Political analysts say the election of new provincial council at the weekend to give Tamils controls over some of their affairs is unlikely to end the five-year-old separatist campaign. The Tigers rejected last year's accord and have vowed to continue fighting.

A series of strikes and demonstrations organised by the Marx-

ists during the past two months has at times crippled the country. The government has accused Front members of destroying electrical transformers, blasting railway tracks and setting fire to buses.

Suspended
The lucrative tourist industry has been suspended. The government was forced to fly out thousands of foreign holidaymakers because it feared they might be endangered.

Wijeweera said security forces and an alleged private Army of the ruling party he called "Green Tigers" had killed political opponents, including members of his group.

The government has denied the accusations and ruling party chairman Ranjan Wijeratne said, "there are no Green Tigers."

Wijeweera, who once studied in Moscow, has been in hiding since his party was accused of involvement in violent anti-Tamil riots in 1983.

Sri Lanka plunging towards anarchy



By Sonya Hopinstall

SEOUL. (Reuters): Chun Doo Hwan, former president of South Korea, has seen his name dragged through the mud, his rural home set afire, relatives arrested, and jailed and thousands in the streets demanding his and his wife's execution.

Other former leaders have not been so lucky.

The question of what to do with the unpopular former leader finds no ready answer in Korea's turbulent history, which shows the lives of many rulers ended in exile or assassination or both.

The rule of King Uijong of Koryo, the dynasty that united the peninsula, was brought to an untimely end in 1170 when a military escort killed everyone in royal procession except the king, who was banished to a southern island and later murdered.

Cruel
Taejong, third king of the Yi Dynasty which ruled for 500 years until the Japanese colonised the peninsula, came to power in 1401 by killing his brother, then heir-apparent.

A descendant, Yonsan, made himself a name as the cruel king by "being a tyrant, marrying his aunt, leading a lustful life, embezzling and in short never functioning as a king," one South Korean college instructor said.

Yonsan was demoted to prince and sent to exile and eventual death in a prisoners' colony.

Deposed
Chun faces growing public hatred because of alleged abuses of power and massive corruption during his eight-year rule. He is accused of embezzlement, allowing relatives to get rich using his influence and ordering the Army to crush a 1980 revolt in Kwangju.

Now he is powerless and vulnerable. "This is the first time

Chun is not alone in his misfortune

since Yonsan we've had such a chance to punish a ruler," the instructor said.

In modern history, only Syngman Rhee, president from 1948 to 1960, has had to face the consequences of his rule. After he was deposed in a student uprising, Rhee was allowed to retire to a private home and later was smuggled out of the country.

President Park Chung-Hee was assassinated in 1979 and two others ruled for only a short time before they were ousted in military coups.

"Chun and Rhee have something in common in that they were criticised and hated by some. But Rhee was at least an admired revolutionary," said a South Korean historian.

"I should say in this case the sentiment of missing a great person is missing. With Rhee, even among the critics there was some sympathy," he said.

"Chun was never considered a great patriot. This is going to be a whole new example in South Korean history," the instructor said.

Trial
Many South Koreans want Chun to stand trial but the ruling party and his embarrassed successor Roh Tae-Woo have said that, if he apologises for his misdeeds and gives back any funds he received illegally, he can go and live "in seclusion" in the countryside under immunity from prosecution.

Chun seemed set to do just that at a news conference on Wednesday. The announcement was delayed because Chun was looking for a suitably safe place to go after his birthplace was firebombed earlier this month.

Bolivian justice system steeped in corruption

LA PAZ, Bolivia. (AP): US and Bolivian authorities say corruption of police, military and court officials by cocaine traffickers is rampant despite government efforts to contain it. They fear drug money will influence the outcome of upcoming national elections.

Jorge Alderete, Interior Ministry Undersecretary for Drug Enforcement, and other Bolivian authorities told the Associated Press they suspected drug traffickers would help finance some campaigns, including the contest for president.

"Drug related corruption has become endemic in certain law enforcement circles, and drug traffickers will no doubt try to influence the elections scheduled for May," Alderete said in a recent interview.

A Congressman, Fernando Salazar, said "drug traffickers offer financing, and this provides the (financial) base for political campaigns that must spend large sums on television advertising."

"Money coming from trafficking will be a contending factor" in the elections," Salazar predicted.

Bolivians will vote next May on a successor to President Victor Paz Estenssoro and for a new Congress. With substantial US assistance, Paz Estenssoro's 3-year-old conservative government has waged a firm but uphill battle against a cocaine industry that reaps an estimated \$500 million in yearly profits.

Some previous governments are alleged to have collaborated closely with drug kingpins. US authorities believe a 1980

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Socialism means little to young Algerians



Benjedid
As an initial step toward broader political reform, Algerian President Chadli Benjedid held a popular referendum last month that gave him the necessary constitutional mandate to push through the political and economic changes the country wants.

Democracy
Despite the referendum, Chadli's efforts for more democracy within the party and more liberal economic policies may prove too late for Algeria's now impatient youth. Chadli is apparently aware of the need to move quickly and has ordered the next party congress to be moved ahead from December to Nov 27.

The demonstrations have already provoked an extraordinary debate about democracy and the country's future. "The party knows that the people have learned that to riot will bring results, so they have been forced to open up," commented one Western European diplomat. This debate is particularly evident in the state-controlled press, which until a few weeks ago was best known for its rigid party historic. Now, some newspapers are running front page criticism of the FLN.

Most Algerians acknowledge that the "events," as last month's

riots have come to be called, inspired these winds of change. "The government realizes that it must now do something about our problems," said the owner of a small construction company near Miliana, 60 miles southwest of the capital.

Austerity
For many young Algerians, who look toward the material advantages of Europe rather than to Africa or the Middle East for inspiration, it is less a matter of political ideology than one of "enough is enough." For them, Algeria's socialist one-party system offers little hope for the future other than more austerity, joblessness, and high prices.

But recent events have also aroused an intense desire for democracy, particularly among intellectuals and professionals such as doctors and lawyers. Yet considerable scepticism remains about the chances of a complete political overhaul.

Chadli has said he does not envisage the creation of a multiparty system, but rather different political tendencies within the FLN. But Algeria's artists and professionals have made it clear that this is what they would like to see emerge.

Chaos
The FLN's reluctance to encourage other parties is twofold, noted one senior Western European diplomat. "At this stage, a multiparty system would obviously invite chaos," he said. "The regime also knows it would lose disastrously in any free election."

But some diplomats warn that if the FLN fails to acknowledge Algeria's growing thirst for political change, the country's Islamic organizations could eventually step in as an alternative.

For the moment, Islamic elements such as the Muslim Brotherhood are not considered very important, despite their efforts to exploit the riots. The Christian Science Monitor Publishing Society.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 602 — Roman Emperor Maurice and his five sons are beheaded at Chalcedon in Asia Minor.
- 1703 — Coastal storm in England takes estimated 8,000 lives.
- 1879 — French chamber is moved from Versailles to Paris.
- 1919 — Bulgaria signs World War I peace treaty which yields territory to Greece and Yugoslavia.
- 1926 — Communist revolt in Java, Indonesia.
- 1940 — Germany annexes French province of Lorraine during World War II.
- 1950 — United Nations troops retreat in Korea.
- 1961 — Soviet Union proposes immediate ban on nuclear testing without international controls.
- 1962 — Britain agrees to provide arms to India to resist Chinese aggression.
- 1966 — UN General Assembly debates question of seating China.
- 1969 — South Yemen announces extensive nationalization programme.
- 1987 — Troops comb Matabeleland bush in Zimbabwe for rebels who hacked to death 16 missionaries and their children.

Athina Onassis, age 3: will her fortune bring her happiness?

Last week Greek shipping heiress Christina Onassis died at the age of 37, leaving the entire fortune estimated at \$7 billion to her only child. Her vast wealth did not bring happiness to Christina. Will her daughter have better luck? Already she leads a life of luxury...and loneliness, imprisoned in a gilded cage.

By Ron Ricketts

LITTLE Athina Onassis has everything money can buy. She has enough toys to stock an entire store, she is dressed by Dior and has two private zoos. And now she has her own immense private fortune, too. But will it bring her happiness? Or love?

Wealth brought neither to her tragic mother Christina, who collapsed and died last week at the age of 37, apparently from a heart attack. Throughout her short life, Christina had longed for joy but was instead dogged by sadness and strife, including battles with her legendary father, four broken marriages, and several suicide attempts.

Athina, who will be four in January, had already inherited her mother's dark Grecian looks. Now she has inherited much, much more.

Doted As Christina's only child, she is heir to part of the huge Onassis shipping fortune built up by her buccaneering grandfather, Aristotle.

And that makes her a very rich baby — her inheritance is being conservatively estimated at around \$7 billion.

Christina doted on her daughter, whose father is French pharmaceutical heir Thierry Roussel, the fourth Onassis husband.

Athina was very much a wanted child, but Christina's vast wealth has left her imprisoned inside a gilded cage.

There she leads a life of lux-

ury and loneliness, just as unhappy Christina had herself done.

The little girl spends her life shuffling between her mother's estate in Switzerland and her father's mansion in France.

Her dolls are dressed by Dior, like the toddler herself — Athina's Dior account comes to £14,000 a year.

And if she gets bored playing with her countless cuddly stuffed toy animals, she only has to step outside to enjoy the real thing — both estates have zoos created just for her.

At the Onassis estate overlooking Lake Lehman in Switzerland, there is a sanctuary full of farm animals.

At her father's estate at Sologny, near Paris, there is something similar.

On her third birthday last January, Athina was bought a sheepdog... plus a flock of sheep and a shepherd to look after them.

Watched

She is watched over by devoted retainers, but unlike ordinary, poorer, children, enjoys little freedom.

There is the constant threat of kidnapping, so on her rare excursions into the outside world she is surrounded by vigilant bodyguards.

Finding little playmates in such an environment is difficult, and as she grows up she may find it impossible to give her trust to others.

For the moment Athina is being cosseted and shielded by her father and those retainers.



Rich and lonely: Athina Onassis, Christina Onassis' sole heiress, has dolls dressed by Dior and her own private zoos



Christina with her adored daughter (left).

By Mary Kemp

LORD Lichfield, globe-trotting photographer and now also editor of the world's ultimate style guide is as you would expect, impeccably dressed.

His crisp cotton Ralph Lauren shirt is perfect, his hand made leather shoes exquisite. But then he stretches out his legs and reveals he is wearing odd socks.

There was no doubt they were the best designer socks, but one was black, the other blue. Seeing the funny side of his faux pas, the connoisseur of style leans back in his office chair and says: "Good God, that is funny. Isn't that supposed to be lucky?"

"I've never consciously bought blue. It just shows my eyesight is going."

So where does Patrick Lichfield buy his socks? And which Far Eastern hotel that he knows offers a choice of seven types of pillow? And where would you find the best toffee in the world?

The answers are in Lichfield's new book, *Courvoisier's Book of the Best*.

As an arbiter of style it would be difficult to find anyone more knowledgeable than the Earl of Lichfield, cousin of the Queen. His life as a photographer and indefatigable globe-trotter means travelling 300,000 miles (480,000 km) a year, spending about 200 nights in hotels and never knowing what it is like to have a quiet night in.

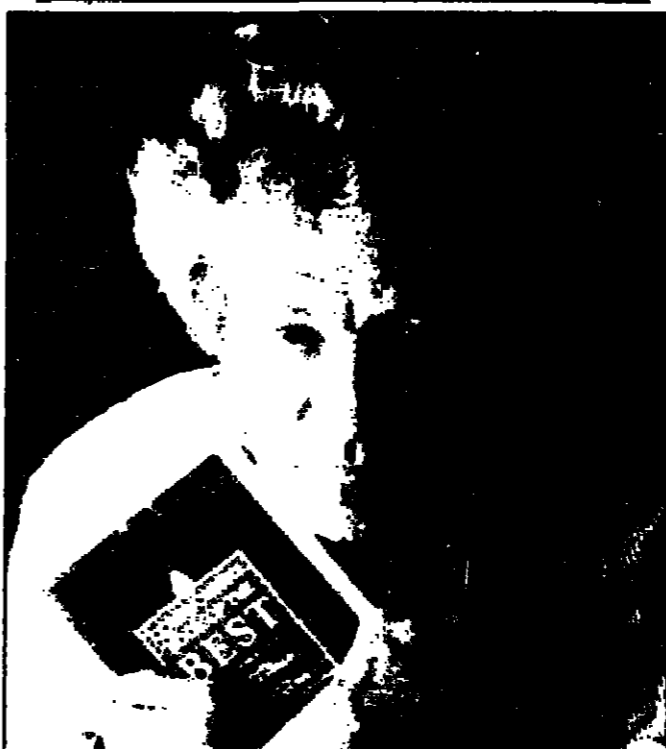
For years he has kept a notebook of his exclusive tips. Now these, and the expert advice of other style-setters such as soap queen Joan Collins, designer Giorgio Armani and model Marie Helvin, have been published in what Lichfield lovingly calls his "telephone directory".

Perched on an office stool at his studio in Oxford Gardens, London, Lichfield says: "It's amazing how the book has taken off. I expected it to be a reasonable airport read, but I now use it, quite seriously, as a telephone directory."

While the 49-year-old photographer was signing copies of the book in London's stop store Harrods recently, a man slapped a bag of smelly fish down in front of him. Lichfield recalls: "I said, 'What's that?', and he said, 'Those are

An arbiter of style

As a world-famous globe-trotting photographer, Patrick Lichfield has stayed in the best hotels, eaten in the best restaurants, and even knows which tiny shop sells the best vanilla fudge in the world.



Patrick Lichfield: best represents quality and uncompromising attention to detail

the best kippers — your book's wrong!"

"So now we have the address of the people who produce these kippers and we're going to do a tasting," says Lichfield, explaining how the style guide needs continual up-dating.

As well as being harangued in public over kippers, Lichfield was also the subject of bribery while researching the book. He says: "There was the case of a lorry-load of fudge sent to me by a manufacturer who was determined to persuade me that his was the best."

But the grey-haired earl stands by his original number one: a tiny toffee shop in Penrith, Cumbria, simply called The Toffee Shop. He enthuses: "I've been using the shop for 15 years. My favourite is their plain vanilla fudge."

"Have you ever tried it? Once you have you'll never settle for anything else."

So what earns the earl's seal of approval generally? "I think it's very difficult to define the best," he says. "What is best for me may differ from what is best for you."

"Best for me represents quality and an uncompromising attention to detail."

And is the best usually only a luxury that the rich and famous can afford? "Not at all," says Lichfield. "It is true that in many cases the two go hand in hand. You certainly aren't going to find the best hotel in the world is a cheap one."

But what we've tried to do in the book is to suggest some bargains, particularly with restaurants. We also list the best views in the world, which are of

course free."

For Lichfield, the ultimate hotel is the Mandarin Oriental in Hong Kong, said to have the most comfortable beds in the world with its soft linen sheets.

Lichfield explains: "It's a wonderful amalgam of a modern hotel and an old-fashioned one. It has old-fashioned standards but with modern technology, and of course superb service from the Orientals."

But Lichfield's favourite restaurant is a long way from the hurly burly of the Orient. Tucked away in the Oxfordshire countryside, Le Manor Aux Quat' Saisons is also favoured by romantic novelist Barbara Cartland and composer Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Lichfield, who eats out virtually every day, says: "I do tend to like eating well in the country rather than in London. It's just something about the ambience."

And while most international businessmen might vow never to leave their armchair after years of travelling, Lichfield still gets a buzz in the morning when he has to travel somewhere. Often it is just for the day, to New York, on his favourite aircraft Concorde.

He says: "I think anyone who is blasé about Concorde should not travel, because it is wonderful."

"There you are 11 miles (17.6 km) up, flying at the speed of a rifle bullet, enjoying a glass of wine and a delicious meal."

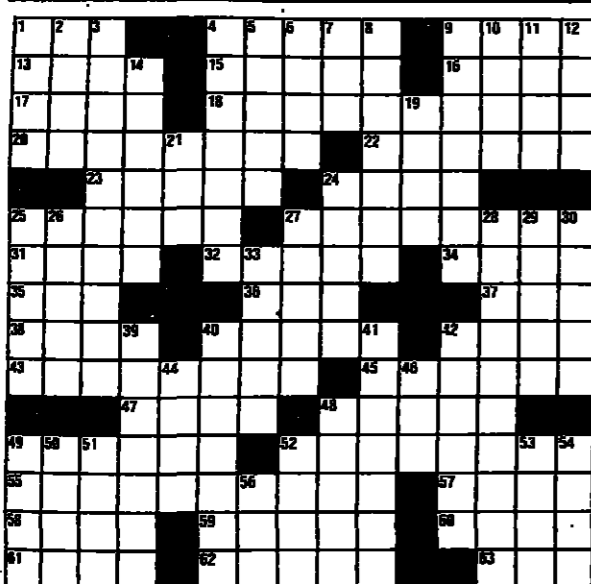
Lichfield gets to stay at his 8,000-acre estate at Shugborough Hall in Staffordshire about 25 times a year. He is an avid gardener and to relax will plant another oak tree in his vast arboretum. "I sometimes talk to the trees and I curse them too," he says. "I collect oaks, but when you buy them they are so small you can't possibly tell which variety they are."

Then when you think you've got a bit of exotica it grows into a plain old English oak. So I sometimes get a bit cross with the nurserymen, but always I take it out on the oaks."

Lichfield goes to Holland to find the best oaks, and if he hasn't become a photographer says he would like to have been a tree surgeon.

* Courvoisier's Book of the Best is published by Ebury Press at £6.95

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 - Actor Ron and others
 - Gumption
 - Room in a casa
 - Bird sound
 - Mouths
 - Gun for a gangster
 - Gardner et al.
 - Pung and luge
 - Location
 - Nursery items
 - Deposited in pledge
 - High hills
 - Put on a new label
 - River in Nebraska
 - Last month
 - Chatter in bed?
 - Unadulterated plant redwood
 - Teller item
 - Blender
 - Amused loch
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 - 4-G-M's
 - ymbol
- DOWN**
- Chest for valuables, of old
 - Hitch-hiker's query?
 - Offers as a reason
 - "...the punishment fit the —"
 - The fourth planet
 - Tolkien's tree
 - Subject of a Shelley lyric
 - 9 Points in orbit
 - Prepare a canvas
 - 11 Frank
 - 12 Tear apart
 - 14 Texas players
 - 19 Bruce of the movies
 - 21 Took part in a relay
 - 24 Atom
 - 25 Transferrable picture
 - 26 Province in N Spain
 - 27 French clerics
 - 28 Match for Manolete?
 - 29 Cause one to feel like a million
 - 30 Had a steady
 - 31 Walesa and friends
 - 32 Wooden benches
 - 40 Disseminated
 - 41 Like quail eggs
 - 42 Submerges
 - 44 Dorothy's pet
 - 45 Mashed
 - 46 Lease to a new tenant
 - 49 Rain or sleet: Abbr.
 - 50 What to spend in Siena
 - 51 Pub orders
 - 52 Dares to, in ye olde days
 - 53 Part of HOMES
 - 54 San —: Italian port
 - 56 Skater
 - Bablonia

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

THEA MOTEL AHM
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WHERE'S THE EXPERT?

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

AK 6
K J 10 9 5
8
A 9 6 5

WEST

10 5 3
7 6
AK 10 5 4 3 J 9 7 6
J 4

SOUTH

Q J 8
A Q 2
Q 2
K 10 8 7 2

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1	Pass	2	Pass
4	Pass	4	Pass
4	Pass	4 NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♠

We know of a bridge teacher who began his first class at an intermediate course with the statement: "Not all four no trump bids are Blackwood!" Half the class promptly got up and walked out. North must have been one of those who stayed!

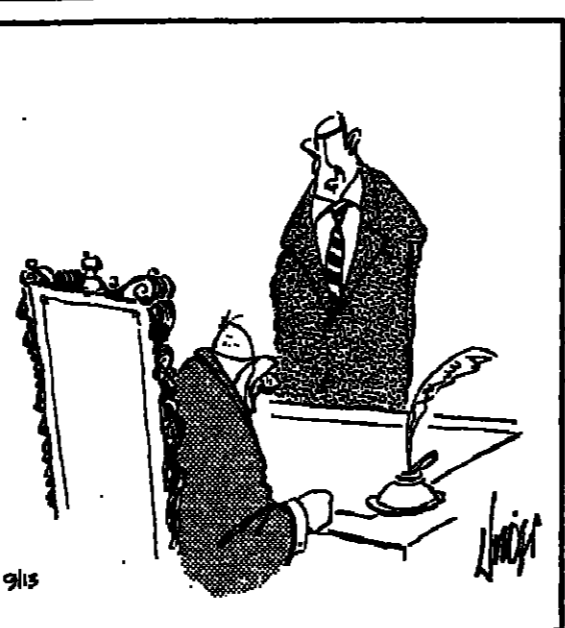
You might not think so from the bidding and play, but this hand cropped up in the finals of the Van-

derbilt Knockout Team Championship. North's bid of four diamonds showed a club fit and singleton diamond. South intended his bid of four no trump as Blackwood; North read it as a natural bid and elected to pass since he felt he had shown everything he had. The final contract could best be described as "inelegant."

West led the king of diamonds, and East signaled encouragement with the nine. Now your Aunt Fanny would collect the first six tricks by simply continuing with a high diamond. Unfortunately for East, it was not that good lady sitting opposite him, but a fellow expert.

After giving the matter considerable thought, West decided to place his partner with Q-9-x in the suit and declarer with J-x-x. If he now continued with ace of diamonds and another, East would win the queen and be unable to get West back on lead to enable him to cash his three long diamonds.

There was a simple solution to West's problem. He led a low diamond to the second trick! A delighted South gathered in the queen and cashed out the rest of the tricks. To misquote Alexander Pope: "Too much learning can be a very dangerous thing!"



"It's nearly 1989, G.B. We have to move with the times. My salesmen need horseless carriages."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

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| <p>Aries (March 20 - April 18)</p> <p>You will be able to do something to improve your image. You should make sure you do not go out not adequately clothed. Do not do anything that would upset your relationship with your partner. Be accurate.</p> | <p>Cancer (June 21 - July 21)</p> <p>You will be able to do something most satisfying. Take a little more care about your personal hygiene. Keep your wits very much about you. Be polite.</p> | <p>Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)</p> <p>Do not allow circumstances to get the better of you. You will be able to avail yourself of a good opportunity. You should make sure you do not scorn good advice. Be tolerant.</p> | <p>Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19</p> <p>The Moon's less favourable influence will make it more difficult for you to deal with a tricky problem. You should not get involved in something that does not really concern. Make sure you do not endanger your health.</p> |
| <p>Taurus (April 19 - May 19)</p> <p>You should not expect others to agree with all you say or do. You will feel more like your old self. You should not place too much reliance on what you 'feel'. Be objective.</p> | <p>Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)</p> <p>Avoid putting to one side something you do not like doing that has to be done. The Sun's better influence coupled with that of Mercury will help you to do the right thing. You should not do anything on impulse. Be observant.</p> | <p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</p> <p>Avoid thinking too much about work today. The better influence of the Moon and of Venus will help you to have a pleasant day. You should do all you can to make your life less hectic. Be less conspicuous.</p> | <p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</p> <p>You will be able to put one of your good ideas into practice. You should not pay too much attention to something of secondary importance. You should try to steer clear of complications. Be tactful.</p> |
| <p>Gemini (May 20 - June 20)</p> <p>You will be able to make up for lost time. Something which has been puzzling you will now become clear. Avoid taking a hobby too seriously. Be sincere.</p> | <p>Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)</p> <p>You will have something to be pleased about but do not let it go to your head. Make sure you show your gratitude properly. Show just a little more goodwill. Be hopeful.</p> | <p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>You will be able to do something to improve your outlook. You will meet someone very much to your liking. Make sure you do not fall foul of a neighbour. Be reasonable.</p> | <p>Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)</p> <p>You will have something to be pleased about but do not become smug. You should avoid taking part in any kind of intrigue. Do not allow yourself to become obsessed by a grievance. Be generous.</p> |

Tourist robbed in comfort room of Ninoy airport

A JAPANESE businessman lost money and jewellery to two men who robbed him inside the comfort room near the duty-free shop at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA).

Kaino Ito of Tokyo, Japan was waiting for his flight to Tokyo when he decided to go to a nearby duty-free shop. Minutes later he was seen running out of the comfort room.

Witnesses told airport policemen that they saw Ito enter the comfort room followed by two men in dark jackets and armed with handguns.

Ito told Customs Collector Antonio Bautista that while he was answering the call of nature, the two men poked their guns at him and took his money and jewellery.

Maids wanted again in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH: The embassy of the Philippines in Riyadh is again accepting requests for maids and domestic servants following the lifting of a 10-month ban.

But an embassy spokesman said the applications were being held until new regulations arrived within the next two weeks.

The Philippines lifted its "maid ban" on Saudi Arabia on Oct 31 after several months.

New 'Boy Asido' in Pangasinan

BINMALEY, Pangasinan — "Boy Asido" may be behind bars in Manila now but he has developed a follower who also splashes acid on people for no apparent reason.

The copycat splashed acid on the face of Fely Manaois of Barangay Gayaman, Binmaley last week. Also hurt was Manaois' eight-month-old baby Fredielyn.

Witnesses told the police the incident happened during a power blackout while Manaois and her baby were sleeping in their house.

Manaois' husband, Fredo, was out of the house when the incident happened.

Manaois and her daughter were brought to the Don Teofilo Sison Memorial Hospital in Dagupan City for treatment for burns.

Investigators theorized that personal grudge could be the motive for the acid-splashing incident.

Where typhoons are most welcome

DAGUPAN CITY — Typhoons normally evoke fear among many because of the harm and destruction they bring. But to the people of Sual and Labrador, two coastal towns on the shores of historic Lingayen Gulf, typhoons are most welcome.

"These natural calamities bring in bonanza to our economy, even if briefly, because big foreign ships seek shelter in the Sual Bay and provide instant livelihood opportunities for our townspeople," says Labrador Mayor Reynaldo Trino.

Dangerous distractions for viewers

FILIPINOS who have seen the rushes of A Dangerous Life, the Australian mini-series on the EDSA revolution, have been thrown off by the lack of physical similarity between some of the principal characters and the actors who play them. Some scenes have also been shot in unfamiliar locations, and the sequences shot in Sri Lanka feature non-Filipino extras in the background.

These are distractions for Filipino viewers, but most foreign viewers would not be bothered by them. For them, what would count would be the emotional and ideological impetus of the characters who figure in the miniseries. Would they be interesting, gripping character portraits? Would they involve viewers in the unfolding drama and its stunning resolution? Would they make history come alive again?

... and now director Vilma

LIKE Nora Amor, Vilma Santos is also interested in trying her hand at directing. Vilma is going the slow and sure route by directing for TV first. Nora is less cautious and going straight into feature film directing with The Greatest Performance of My Life.

Clergy, Aquino at odds over birth-control programme

By Clayton Jones

MANILA: A back-room battle within the Philippine government over its birth-control programme has erupted into an open feud in this largely Roman Catholic country.

Both sides agree on the need to reduce a rapid population growth rate. But each is trying to sway the public on different birth-control methods as well as influence President Corason Aquino, who remains largely noncommittal on the issue.

Manila's Catholic archbishop, Jaime Cardinal Sin, ordered a pastoral letter on population to be read in all the church's pulpits. In it, he denounces the use of contraceptives, but advocates "natural" prevention.

He also warns against taking responsibility for sex education away from parents — an attempt to fend off a move in Congress for mandatory birth-control education.

The letter — timed to counteract a conference on population control that begins today and will be attended by many of the nation's legislators — highlights the church's increasing confidence that it can dominate the debate on this sensitive topic.

The church, which claims more than 80 per cent of all Filipinos among its faithful, tolerated an active government birth-control programme under former President Ferdinand Marcos — as long as abortion was not advocated. Under Mr Marcos, family planning centres were set up in most towns, sometimes next to Catholic churches.

But after helping Mrs Aquino, who is a devout Catholic, come to power in 1986, the church has shifted to campaigning strongly against all contraceptives. Just the same, Cardinal Sin does give tacit support for population control, referring in his letter to regulating birth as "just one aspect of responsible parenthood." The letter also called on the medical profession and government to actively promote "natural family planning."

Pressure

Most of the church's political pressure up to now has been behind the scenes, with Cardinal Sin using his contacts with Mrs Aquino.

Except for the church leaders, the major participants in the debate have been women. The President's sister-in-law, Rep. Teresita Aquino-Oreta, and Sen. Leticia Ramos-Shahani are sponsoring today's forum for Congress. Joining them on the pro-contraceptive side is Solito Monsod, head of the National Economic and Development Authority.

According to advocates of family planning, a fast-growing population and depletion of natural resources pose serious dangers to the economy and thwart attempts to stem the communist insurgency. An estimated 40 per cent of the population is below the age of 15.

On the church's side is the head of the government's Population Commission, Mita Pardo de Tavera, who is also secretary of Social Services and Development.

Last June, just before Aquino met with the Pope in Rome, Mrs Pardo de Tavera released the commission's five-year population plan. She advocates, as does the church, that the government work to improve people's livelihood, health, and nutrition first, as these will be the best incentives

for married couples to reduce the size of their families.

Some birth-control advocates say linking population and welfare is a tactic to divert attention away from the issue of contraceptives and sterilization, and make the Population Commission redundant and powerless.

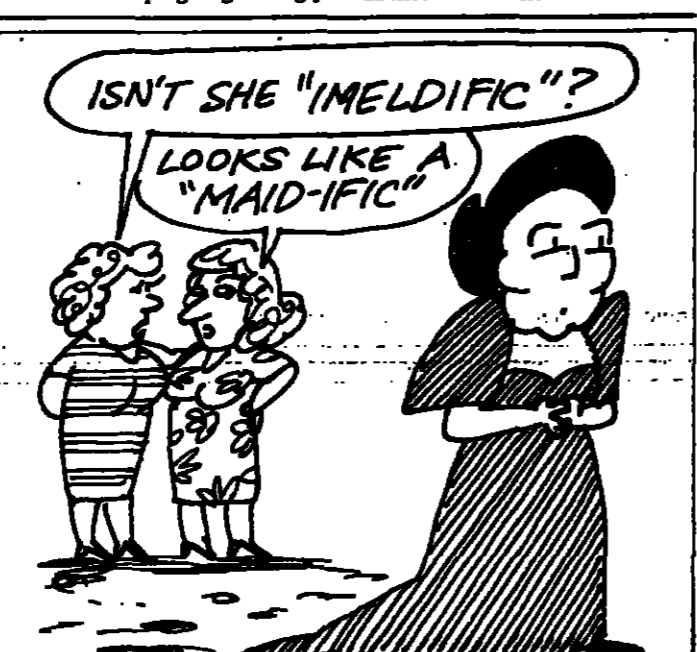
Pardo de Tavera, while stating her preference that the birth-control centres advocate the "rhythm" method, nonetheless set targets for reducing the population growth rate. Estimates on the present rate range from 2.4 to 3 per cent a year, with the plan's 1993 target being 2.16. If the population rate continues at about 2.4 per cent, the Philippines will almost double its population of 58 million by the year 2026.

Aquino, who needs the church's support and rarely tackles long-term social problems, has not thrown her weight to either side. She has stayed above the issue, which has split her Cabinet, much as in debate on the future of United States military presence here.

The population plan, which does not bear her signature, shows an ambiguous compromise between the contending factions under her. And the lack of leadership from the top has reduced birth-control efforts in the Philippines, say its advocates.

Still, they admit, whether birth control succeeds in any town or village often depends more on local health activists and the local priest than on any policy from Manila.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.



Marcos 'seriously ill'

HONOLULU: A spokesman for Ferdinand Marcos said recently the deposed Philippine strongman was seriously ill and might be physically unable to obey court orders to turn over bank records and be fingerprinted.

Asked to describe the ousted ruler's illness, Marcos spokesman, Gemino Arguilla told Reuters: "I can't elaborate. It is a sad situation. I do not think it is possible he will be able to obey the court orders, but I do not know for sure."

Doctors have said Marcos suffers from a condition that causes calcium deposits to form on his knees and makes it difficult for him to walk. A year ago he underwent an operation for the removal of a non-malignant tumour, a Honolulu hospital spokeswoman said.

Slow progress on land reforms

KALIBO, Aklan — President Aquino appealed anew to landowners to support the government's land reform programme as she expressed disappointment over its slow implementation in some areas.

The President sounded her call in a speech during the inauguration of the Agri Tech Centre at the Aklan Agricultural Training Institute.

Ms Aquino noted the slow pace in the implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme (CARP) in certain provinces, such as Antique and Aklan, after distributing some 2,500 emancipation patents to farmers of Western Visayas.

Of the total patents she distributed, Antique and Aklan only accounted for 54 and 129 emancipation patents, respectively, while 1,442 went to farmers in Capiz, 588 in Iloilo and 300 in Negros Occidental.

"I appeal to the landowners to open their minds to agrarian reform and extend their eventual co-operation," Ms Aquino said.

"This programme is not just for the landless, it is for everyone who wishes to see the emergence of a progressive and stable country."

The President said her administration aims to complete at least the first phase of CARP, which covers rice and corn lands, idle and abandoned lands, lands voluntarily surrendered to the programme by the owners, foreclosed and sequestered lands.

She stressed, however, that while her term can only cover the initial phase of the programme, "we have moved almost 30 times faster than the previous government which was a dictatorship."

"Our pride in this accomplishment is qualified by the slowness in the implementation here in Aklan where we have distributed the second to the lowest number of patents among the four provinces. Antique is the lowest," she said.

The President said that in other parts of the country, more and more land-owners are beginning to recognize the overall advantages of willing co-operation in the programme.

She said the advantages do not only come in the form of the "fair compensation" for the lands but also the prospects of discovering new areas of investments.

The President said areas of investments will be opened by greater productivity and diversity of crops — two aims of agricultural institutes like the one she inaugurated.

Senators criticise Manglapus Nuclear agreement 'hazy, inconsistent'

THE problem of proving that nuclear weapons are stored aboard US military craft or in foreign military bases maintained by the US government is all up to the Philippine government based on the Manglapus-Shultz amendment to the RP-US military bases agreement (MBA), Sen. Teofisto Guingona Jr said last week.

The burden was made heavier for the Philippine government after US President Ronald Reagan recently wrote President Aquino that he was confirming the US government policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence or existence of nuclear weapons in US foreign military bases, planes, or ships, Guingona said.

Filipino scientists had earlier said that they are not yet capable of detecting the presence of nuclear weapons at US military facilities in the Philippines.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Raul Manglapus had earlier been quoted as saying that the agreement he signed with US Secretary of State George Shultz ended the US policy of complete silence on nuclear weapons.

The Manglapus-Shultz agreement states that the consent of the Philippines is required if the US government wants its ships and planes to visit or fly over any part of the country.

Guingona said Reagan's statement and the text of the Manglapus-Shultz agreement are hazy and inconsistent.

Many senators said they are wary of the Manglapus-Shultz

agreement because it reportedly violates the policy of the Philippine government against the existence of nuclear weapons in its territory, as provided for by the Constitution.

Majority of the 23-man Senate voted "yes" to the anti-nuclear weapons bill sponsored by Senators Wigberto Tanada and Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

The bill has gathered dust at the House of Representatives since its passage in the Senate last June, observers said.

Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile described the provision on the visit of US military ships and the overflight of US military planes as one of the most "dangerous" items in the Manglapus-Shultz agreement.

Several senators had earlier chided Manglapus and Malacanang for failing to consult the Senate before Manglapus was allowed to go to Washington, D.C. to sign the agreement.

They considered the agreement a "very sensitive and important foreign relation matter" that eventually affects the future of the country.

Enrile, the lone opposition in the Senate, had earlier told newsmen he was not invited by the Senate leadership to a briefing on the agreement at a Makati building.

Sen. Leticia Ramos Shahani, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, had earlier said that only 10 senators attended the Manglapus briefing.

Tourists are back again

PHILIPPINE tourism has staged a vigorous rebound this year after a long slide caused by political turmoil, as the government expects one million arrivals for the first time since 1980.

Tourism officials said they were praying for the boom to last and shuddered at the slightest sign of a fresh crisis that could once again scare foreigners off.

American, Japanese, Hong Kong and Taiwan tourists are filling hotels and making a beeline to restaurants here, and the invasion is straining transport, communication and accommodation in some areas.

The tourism department said there were 564,000 arrivals in the first seven months of the year, up 20 per cent over the same period last year, while luxury hotels in Manila are enjoying 72 per cent room occupancy.

Arrivals remained high even in the usually lean third quarter, and the Christmas season holds

more promise as foreigners flee winter at home for this tropical archipelago, boasting some of the world's finest beaches and a people reputed for lavish hospitality.

"We're just getting back what is due us," Tourism Undersecretary Narzalina Lim told Agence France-Presse, adding that despite the recovery, "We have to improve our image further."

She said earnings from tourism totalled \$1.2 billion from July 1987 to June 1988 — a small amount by world standards but no trifling for a country with current gross international reserves of only \$1.6 billion.

Cebu, the country's second largest city, is gearing up for further expansion of its already lively tourism industry by improving the Mactan International Airport to accommodate more flights from Tokyo and other regional capitals.

Ermita is alive and flourishing

By Abner Gallo

LAST March, in the hot and humid summer nights, Western Police District operatives, on orders of Brig. Gen. Alfredo Lim, cracked down on suspected prostitution fronts in Ermita.

The drive was so intense and relentless that media picked it up and the public enthusiasm was once again focused on the plight of women who are supposed to be in the "entertainment business."

Bar workers and specially, pub owners, panicked and frantically searched for ways to stop the obvious threat to their livelihood.

With the blessings of no other than President Aquino herself and his Eminence, Jaime Cardinal Sin, the drive went on quite vigorously despite cries of human rights violations and other legal flaws.

Many predicted that in just a matter of time, Ermita would die in a natural death.

But 1988 is about to close, the once humid and thin air had turned to a chilly wind, and still there stands Ermita, still breathing.

ing life.

Lt. Col. Robert Barbers, WPD-ISAD chief, who was tasked by Lim to carry out the campaign, called it a stalemate.

However, one does not need statistics to dispute such claim. A keen observer will readily recognise that life in Ermita underwent some adjustments and "innovations" but nevertheless, Ermita is still what she was before the much-publicised campaign.

The child prostitutes became less visible but their numbers, contrary to police claims, such as the Ativan gang and "Kotong gang" (swindlers) still operate within the district.

This reporter observed that criminal elements have only simply moved to other places, still in Ermita.

A classic example of this is the Moulin Rouge in UN Avenue. At one time, when cops belonging to other units raided the pub, no less than Barbers himself came to the rescue of the club.

So many have been recommended for closure, but in spite of this, one can count through his fingers the numbers of clubs that really ceased operating.

The WPD and the City Hall has been pointing accusing fingers at each other regarding the

lack of focus that used to characterize her past performances. Her voice was no longer squeaky as it used to be. Her acting style was more natural, less uptight, and occasionally effective.

However, she still needs to learn how to fill silent moments with precise thoughts and genuine feelings. She should have used less make-up in the scenes set in her surrogate family's little hut, since she was supposed to have adapted to the "poor" milieu it was also incredible that her little black bag contained the six or seven changes of clothes that she had in those scenes.

For his part, Randy came up with a natural and amusing characterization, compromised only by his occasional tendency to fall out of character in his misguided effort to be "kwela."

Kris Aquino stars with heart-throb Randy

By Nestor U. Torre

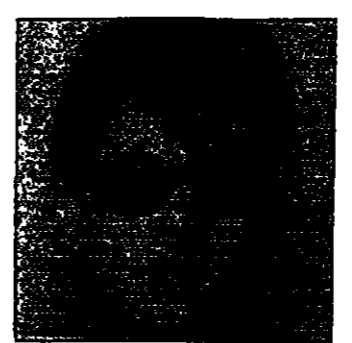
HOW is Kris Aquino's development as an actress coming along? The answer to that question was provided when Kris starred in a Mother Studio Presents episode with Randy Santiago.

The romantic-comedy Si Isinawayat si Prince Tsarming, cast Kris as a rich girl who ran away from home because her parents Lucita Soriano and Romeo Rivero, were shacking up with their respective paramours and wanted to end their marriage. Kris sought refuge in the humble hut of an itinerant vendor (Randy) and his seven dwarf friends.

During her stay with them, the rich runaway learned the value of work and the joys of simple living and loving.



Kris Aquino (left) and Randy Santiago.



She left them only when she learned that they had accepted the P50,000 reward that her parents had offered for anyone who could divulge her hiding place. Later, however, her parents revealed that Kris' new-found friends had returned the reward money, thus renewing

\$3 billion windfall for Pinoys

By L.F. Romero

FILIPINO workers stand to get as much as \$3 billion in refunds for premium contributions to a Saudi social insurance plan, labour officials said last week.

In a telex from Riyadh to the Home Office, Philippine labour attaché Abraham Malli said he was informed by Ali Al Ajlan, director-general of Saudi Arabia's Government Office Service Insurance (GOSI), that his office is now accepting applications for refund of premiums.

Malli said Filipinos who have worked in Saudi Arabia are expected to receive an average of \$2,500 each.

Jose Sarmiento, overseas workers' welfare administrator, however, said it might take Riyadh five years to process the claims since it will also entertain refund applications of other expatriate workers from Pakistan, India, Jordan and Egypt.

Sarmiento said this is the first time Riyadh will entertain refund claims since a royal decree in February last year ordered a stop to the collection of GOSI contributions.

The Saudi government insurance plan, which is similar to our Social Security System, requires expatriate workers to pay five per cent of their monthly salary as their premium contribution.

Employers' counterpart contribution amount to eight per cent of their workers' monthly salary.

Sarmiento said his office will issue guidelines to assist workers with their claims.

He added that the Saudi government will only deal directly with the claimants and not with any other third party.

According to Sarmiento, the cheque by the Saudi Arabian bank will be issued directly to the workers.

He said his office will send a letter to GOSI to find out the corresponding local bank where the workers will receive the money.

GOSI laid down the following procedures for refund claims:

- Claimants in the Philippines should write directly to GOSI in Riyadh, requesting for the refund.
- Claimant must specify the correct GOSI number issued to him in the letter and enclose a xerox copy of his passport.
- He must specify his exact dates of working in Saudi Arabia.
- No third party will be entertained in cases where the claimant has already died, only spouses or children of the deceased worker will be entertained.
- All communications regarding refund should be sent directly to: Director General, GOSI, P.O. Box 2963, Riyadh 11461, Saudi Arabia.

POEA helps Filipinos in Iraq

THE Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) said recently that the repatriation of two domestic helpers who worked for a relative of a top Iraqi official has been negotiated successfully after almost seven months of mediation and conciliation efforts.

Their airline tickets were donated by the Philippine embassy staff in Baghdad and other Filipino workers in Iraq as Cayabyab and Malolos' employers were willing to release the workers if replacements would be provided. Reports at the POEA said Nilong secured Bangladeshi replacements for the two Filipino domestic helpers.

The Cayabyab and Malolos case has been on the POEA files since last March.

Relatives of the two workers sought the help of the POEA for their repatriation after complaining of alleged maltreatment, long working hours, poor provisions, and very low salaries.

After several communication with Baghdad labour attaché Buloyok Nilong, the POEA learned that Cayabyab and Malolos' employer was willing to release the workers if replacements would be provided. Reports at the POEA said Nilong secured Bangladeshi replacements for the two Filipino domestic helpers.

The POEA received a report from Nilong that the two had run away from their employer and hid in a Filipino friend's quarters.

Cayabyab left her sister Marilou who also works for an Iraqi government official's kin. The POEA said that Marilou and her companion Corazon Valerio may be repatriated.



FOOD



AN ARAB TIMES SUPPLEMENT



A guide to healthy eating habits

NUTRITIONISTS agree that healthy diet should be non-restrictive, and the average person in the Middle East should aim to eat as wide a variety of food as possible.

Furthermore, good food doesn't always have to be fresh. The nutritional value of dried, tinned, bottled or frozen food is also high, and they shouldn't be discounted. It's best to plan a varied diet that includes, proportionally: a larger quantity of cereal and grain products; fruit and vegetables; meat and dairy products consumed regularly; and a reduced quantity of fats, oils and foods high in fat.

Lean Meat It's essential to include some food from all these groups. And it's not a good idea to cut down suddenly, or eliminate any one food or food group without consulting a dietitian.

If the beef, lamb and veal cuts are lean, they'll therefore be low in calories and cholesterol and high in nutrients. To use the word "nutrient" is a bit of a misnomer. Of the meat imported to the Middle East, the single most important in terms of nutrients is that from Australia, recognised by dietitians as being particularly "fat poor," high in nutritional value. Lean beef, lamb and veal are in calories, and high in a variety of essential nutrients including high-quality protein, B-group vitamins, and the minerals iron and zinc.

Fat Fat is a major source of energy. It's around the edges of the meat is different — very high in calories and in nutrients. The same applies to other meats like chicken (which has fatty skin as well as fat in the meat). So the golden rule for every type of meat is to trim the fat and/or skin before you get the meat. As just as trimming off the skin, it's just as important to avoid fatty cooking methods.

Gulf nutritionist Betsy Abdulrahman advises our readers on selecting a healthy diet by choosing from a wide variety of food.



Don't deep fry, particularly when you've gone to all the trouble to remove the fat before you drench the meat or poultry in cooking oil.

The chances are you'll do yourself more harm than good, and ordinary frying in fat or cooking oil isn't necessarily that much better.

Grilling, steaming, braising, dry frying, barbecuing or baking without added fat are by far the best cooking methods to make the most of any type of meat. And lean beef, lamb and veal have an advantage because they're so nutrient dense and low in calories and cholesterol. Make sure where you buy meat that it's "fat poor" to begin with as is, for instance, characteristic of Australian meat.

Prepared with a little bit of common sense, an average portion of lean beef or lamb is sufficient to provide many of the essential nutrients we require every day.

Eat most of: breads, cereals and grain foods: Choose plenty of: breads, including wholegrain and wholemeal varieties, brown and white rice, cereals, crispbreads, plain biscuits.

Nutrients provided: Complex carbohydrates, dietary fibre, vegetable protein; vitamins: B and E; a range of minerals.

Fruit and Vegetables: Choose plenty of: fresh fruit of all types, fruit juices, canned and dried fruits, fresh or frozen vegetables, salad.

Nutrients provided: Carbohydrates, dietary fibre, vitamins: A, C and E; a range of minerals.

Eat least of: Food high in fats and sugar: Limit your intake of foods high in animal fats and vegetable oils, pastries, cakes, snack foods (e.g. crisps), soft drinks, biscuits, chocolate.

Nutrients provided: Vitamins: A and D. Eat moderate amounts regularly of: meat, fish, poultry, pulses. Choose moderate amounts of: lean beef, lamb, veal, pork, skinned chicken, fish, pulses (lentils, dried beans, etc.).

Nutrients provided: Protein; vitamins: B group minerals; iron, zinc.

Milk products: Choose moderate amounts of milk: yoghurt, cheese (and the low-fat varieties of these).

Nutrients provided: protein, vitamins: A and B, minerals, calcium.

The nutritional value of lean beef, lamb and veal (100 g of cooked lean meat provides) Iron

- Up to 1/3 of our needs
- Anaemia due to iron deficiency is becoming more common in the Middle East, particularly among women and adolescents.
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Zinc ● Up to 1/3 of daily needs ● Zinc is needed for growth and healthy skin.

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By Isabelle Wolf

1. If picknickers develop food poisoning the day after eating chicken salad, which of the following would probably be to blame?

- a) mayonnaise
- b) celery
- c) chicken

2. Which of the following foods can be eaten safely, even if mold has developed, provided the mold and a half-inch area around it are trimmed?

- a) grape jelly
- b) refrigerated Cheddar cheese
- c) homemade wholewheat bread

3. Which of the following contains the most nutrients?

- a) fresh green beans
- b) canned green beans
- c) frozen green beans

4. Which is the safest place to thaw frozen meat, chicken or fish?

- a) the refrigerator
- b) the sink
- c) the stove top

5. The nutritional quality of canned foods begins to decline after:

- a) 12 months
- b) 6 months
- c) 2 months

6. Which of the following foods do health professionals consider a significant public-health hazard?

- a) irradiated papayas
- b) raw, unpasteurized milk
- c) meat

Answers

1. c) The chicken — specifically the *Salmonella* bacteria frequently found in a raw poultry — would most likely be the culprit. Although the bacteria are killed during cooking, cooked poultry can be recontaminated if it comes into contact with a dish, knife or cutting board that was used to prepare raw poultry. To prevent this, always scrub your cutting surface and utensils with hot water and dishwashing detergent.

Test your food IQ

There's more to being a good cook than simply choosing tasty recipes. Take this quick food quiz to see if you need to bone up on your food facts.



Cooked poultry can become contaminated if it comes into contact with a dish, knife or cutting board that was used to prepare raw poultry.

after working with raw poultry. 2. b) Only solid foods — such as Cheddar cheese — that become moldy while refrigerated can be trimmed of mold and safely eaten. Toxic

products formed by the mold are more likely to spread through softer foods — such as jams and breads.

3. c) Commercially frozen green beans — if they are frozen

shortly after harvesting. Here's why: Fresh vegetables begin to lose nutrients, especially vitamin C, immediately after they are picked. Then they lose nutrients during distribution, when on sale at your grocery or produce store and while stored at home. Most of the nutrient loss of canned green beans takes place during the canning process.

4. a) To thaw meat properly, wrap and place it on a plate in the refrigerator. This keeps the surface of the meat cool, preventing the growth of bacteria, while the interior is allowed to defrost. Microwave ovens are also a safe place to thaw meat.

5. a) Although canned foods can be stored safely for years, the nutritional content starts to decline after one year. To ensure that canned food retains its nutrients for as long as possible, store it in a clean, dry, cool cabinet.

6. b) Raw, unpasteurized milk sometimes contains bacteria. As a result, it has been known to cause fatal diseases including diphtheria, tuberculosis and listeriosis (an often deadly disease similar to meningitis). The pasteurization process kills these disease-causing bacteria and only minimally decreases the milk's nutritive value.

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layered with nuts, and with sugar or honey.

Labneh — Cracked wheat, first boiled, then drying-grinding whole wheat; either fine- or coarse-

Prepared according to requirements of Islam. In of meat, the procedure invoking the name of slaughtering animal.

An ABC of Arab food

Hummus — Literally, chickpeas, but usually refers to *hummus bi tahina*, a dip made from mashed cooked chickpeas, lemon juice, garlic and tahini, and eaten with bread and olive oil.

Kabsah — A lamb, chicken or (less commonly) fish stew with rice, tomato and spices.

Kubbah — A mixture of ground lamb, fine *burghul* and grated onion pounded to a paste and served raw or cooked in a number of ways.

Kumafah — A sweet pastry made with strands of butter-coated dough that look like shredded wheat, filled with ricotta-like cheese or nuts.

Kuskus — Couscous, a steamed semolina dish served with a meat-and-vegetable stew.

Labneh — "Yogurt cheese," or yogurt that has been drained of its whey. Usually eaten with olive oil.

Lahm ma'ajim — "Arab pizza," pita bread topped with a thin layer of finely ground meat, onions, tomatoes and seasonings.

Mahshi kush — Zucchini (courgettes) hollowed out, stuffed with a mixture of fried ground meat, spices and pine nuts, and fried.

Majlis — Reception or sitting room.

Manqush — Bread baked with a topping of *za'atar* mixture and oil. Also called simply *za'atar*.

Mazzah — Hors d'oeuvre such as stuffed grape leaves, *hummus*, *baba ghanoush*, pickled turnips, olives and raw *kubbah*.

Mulukhiyyah — A dark green leafy plant with a sour, viscous juice, used to make a chicken dish or a soup much loved by most Arabs. The plant is a member of the mallow family.

Sambusak — Deep-fried pastry triangles stuffed with spiced ground meat. Familiar throughout the Islamic world under many names and in many variations.

Shish kebab — Cubes of meat grilled on skewers, often separated by bay leaves or pieces of vegetable.

Shawarma — Layers of

marinated and ground meat of different kinds, interleaved with fat and flavoured, roasted on a vertical spit.

Tahinah — A paste of crushed sesame seeds, used as the base for sauces and halvah, and as an ingredient of many other dishes.

Water-buffalo milk — This extremely rich and creamy milk is widely used from southern Asia to southern Italy. Diluted with cow's milk, it is used to



make butter and ice cream; the heavy cream is used on some pastries.

Za'atar — Literally, thyme, but also refers to a mixture of herbs and spices that, though it varies according to family recipes, always includes thyme and sumac, and commonly also salt and sesame seeds. Eaten with *labnah* or olive oil and bread. See *manqush*, above.

Zaytan — Olives.

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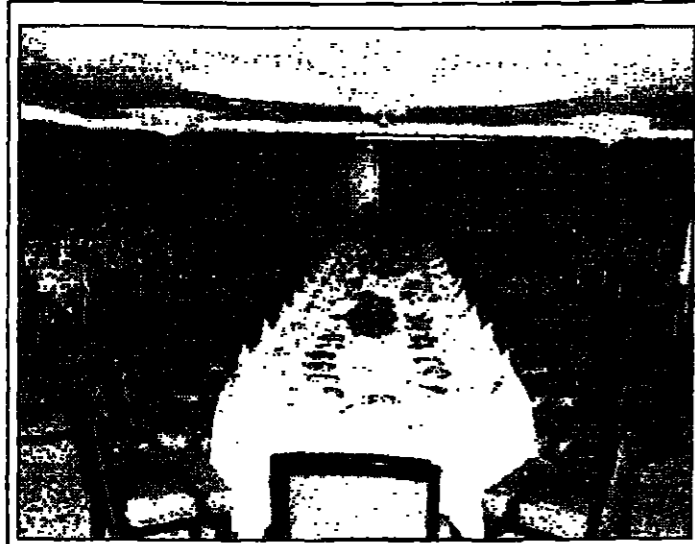
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A banquet hall at the Kuwait Sheraton

Sheraton grows side by side with Kuwait

FROM the day of opening, June 20, 1966, to the present day, the Kuwait Sheraton has grown side by side with Kuwait. Two annexes have been added to the original building which have provided an additional 300 rooms, two restaurants and many other facilities, including a health centre, a business centre, gourmet shop, and an extended shopping arcade.

The high reputation of the dining facilities maintained over the years covers five restaurants, banqueting and outside catering services.

The restaurants offer a variety in cuisine and atmosphere, second to none in Kuwait.

The Coffee Shop a popular rendezvous, offers quick efficient service with snacks, breakfast, table d'hôte menus for lunch and dinner.

For meat lovers, the Hunt Room boasts a cosy ambience of 19th century England and specialises in juicy, tender American steaks charcoal grilled. There is a daily luncheon menu and in the evening an à la carte with entertainment by the Hunt Room Duo.

Le Tarbouche is the popular Lebanese Restaurant. Reminiscent of the Beit El Din Palace in Lebanon, it serves traditional Lebanese dishes including hot and cold mezza, a delicious combination of Arabic salads, dips, pickled vegetables, fresh vegetables, cheese and meat balls.

Al Hambra, with its superb panoramic view of Kuwait City and suburbs, offers a choice of

activities. A daily buffet luncheon and a la carte dinner with entertainment by the Al Hambra Band.

Ricardo, the Italian Restaurant, with the elegant early 19th century Florentine decor offers a wide and diversified menu covering the different provinces of Italy.

To complement the Italian ambience, the Ricardo Duo present a musical entertainment every evening.

The Kuwait Sheraton offers extensive conference, exhibition and banqueting facilities. For a small business conference seminar or board-meeting, the client can choose from four attractive rooms which can accommodate from 40-80 persons in elegant comfort.

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Useful tips on avoiding seafood hazards

SEAFOOD has its own special food-poison hazards. Among the common organisms that can cause contamination are ciguatera, paralytic shellfish poisoning toxin, viruses and bacteria, and scroboid poisoning toxin.

Infection with these germs can create symptoms ranging from gastrointestinal upsets to rapid pulse, respiratory failure and even death. All the more reason you should know how to buy, handle and cook fresh fish and shellfish. The best ways to ensure that you're eating safe, wholesome food:

● Buy from a reputable store and never eat your own catch if you're not sure of the water quality where it was caught.

● Follow these guidelines: In fresh fish, look for: shiny, bright, metallic-looking skin; bright, clear eyes with full, black pupils and translucent corneas; bright red gills, free from slime; flesh that is firm and elastic; bright and shiny; mild "ocean" odour — not too strong. When buying fresh shellfish, look for: live crabs and lobsters that show leg movement; live clams, oysters and mussels that have hard, well-cupped shells that close when tapped; shucked oysters and clams that are plump and covered in their own juices; shrimp that is firm, pink or light in colour.

● Cook raw shrimp until pink and firm; shucked clams, mussels and oysters until plump and opaque (oyster edges start to curl); clams, mussels and oysters in the shells open; lobster until bright red (five to six minutes per pound); scallops until milky white or opaque and firm (three to four minutes).

● As with chicken and beef, be careful not to contaminate fish by putting cooked fish into contact with raw fish, raw juices or unwashed utensils used to prepare raw fish.

Astonishing diversity in an Indian breakfast

By Inder Singh Kalra

"THIS is unbelievably good. I have never tasted anything like this in my life." The ecstatic speaker was actress (Edwina Mountbatten in Attenborough's Gandhi) and cookery writer Jane Myerson. We were at Karim's near Jama Masjid, in Delhi, where we had just eaten *Nahari* and *Khameri Roti*.

It was a promising start to a breakfast safari that would elicit many superlatives before it was over. She gasped when, soon after *Nahari*, they produced *Malpua*. "Is that part of the breakfast?" she asked. "A dessert with breakfast?"

Diversity
My mouth full, I nodded. She wasn't convinced until we got to Om Prakash's, in Sadar Bazaar, where after *Bervi* and *Bazra Aloo*, came a plateful of piping hot *Khoya Jalebi*. Myerson, who had never eaten anything more exotic than Kedgerie and Mulligatawny — both Indian "exports" — back home, was left in awe of the Indian breakfast.

The astonishing diversity of the breakfast makes the morning meals of the rest of the world look insipid and bland in comparison. Where else can you get *Khastia Kachori* and *Maal Makhan* (Marwari),



Paya (trotters) is a gourmet delicacy in the Asian subcontinent.

Paratha and *Dahi* (Punjabi), *Puttu*, *Idli*, *Uthappam* and *Sambhar* (South Indian), *Paya* and *Naan* (Muslim), *Aloo*, *toost* (Parsee), *Bassi Roti*, *Poori*, *Paratha* with pickle (all over the north) and innumerable other delicacies. It is another matter that, like the rest of our cuisine, our breakfasts too, remain largely unknown.

What, one might ask, is the most important meal to a nation of professional fasters? Quite simply, it is breakfast. It was inevitable that this land, where food is interminably — and inextricably — linked with religion, eating habits of the people of different regions and climate, would spawn the widest variety of breakfasts.

Vegetarian and non-vegetarian, festive and regular. So much so, that even a post-fast breakfast is "prescribed" — fruits and dairy products only.

The traditional breakfast of the non-vegetarian Muslims include *Nahari* with *Khameri Roti* or *Paya* and *Naan*, and with *Malpua* or *Jalebi*. *Nahari* was — and still is — eaten daily in the wee hours of the morning — before going for the day's work. The exigencies — and compulsions — of rural life made it necessary to make the morning meal nourishing enough to sustain a farmer for the whole day.

After completing the day's chores, the housewife would put a potful of shanks (nalli),

reast (seena) and chops (chaap) to slow-cook overnight on coal-burning angeethi, and wake up with a ready to eat breakfast. The marrow, it was believed, made *Nahari* "rich" — providing energy to till the land — and "warm" — providing body heat, particularly in winter.

When *Nahari* travelled to the cities, it was imbued with *garam masala* and garnished with ginger and coriander leaves. The *bawarchis* of Avadh transformed it into a delicacy. To please their masters, they became daring enough to put goats' tails (for their supposed aphrodisiac qualities) in the *Nahari*.

Once the meat was cooked — it became like *halwa* — the tail bones were removed and the deeply flavoured broth was infused with the taste of *ittar* and *kewra*.

Afford
Paya, one school of thought has it, was the poor man's *Nahari*. Those who couldn't afford the better cuts, simmered trotters overnight in a similar manner.

And like *Nahari*, Paya too became a gourmet delicacy, refined by the use of a bouquet garni of green cardamom, cinnamon, cloves, fennel, bay leaves and dry rose petals. Yoghurt was used to reduce the bitterness and to provide tang, and rosewater to provide the aroma.

Khameri Roti, which was eaten with *Nahari*, needed little attention too. *Khamer* means leavened, which makes this a rare bread, and even today, Indians and Pakistanis prefer to use a combination of yoghurt, *atta* (whole-wheat flour) and sugar to make the ferment. The mixture was kept overnight and the following night it was used, instead of yeast, to make the dough rise. It also imparted a distinct flavour. The *Naan*, baked each day before daybreak, by Muslim bakers or *paawalas*, are akin to white bread, only flatter. In the north they were called *Kulcha*. The breads are baked in the same way even today.

Malpua, an exotic dessert made from cow's milk which is stir-reduced over very low heat to one fourth its original quantity and mixed with flour to make a batter of pouring consistency.

This is shallow fried on a griddle into 4 inch diameter pancakes. These are then soaked in a saffron flavoured syrup. The dessert is served with a dollop of fresh cream garnished with slivers of pistachio.

Though things have changed with time, especially in urban areas, something of the spirit lingers on, and these dishes have become classics and extremely popular in India and Pakistan.

Making a smart choice about cooking oil

By Joan Lippert

ARE you still buying the same cooking oil your mother always used? Then it may be time to rethink your choice.

The oil you're using might be high in saturated fats, which are known to be one of the dietary causes of a high cholesterol level. But with so many different oils lining supermarket shelves, it's hard to know which one is the best for a sensible diet. Although all cooking oils contain about 100 calories a tablespoon, they are not all the same. The information that follows will help you make the best choice.

The three types of fat
Don't be overly impressed by vegetable oils labelled "No Cholesterol" — in fact, vegetable oil never contains cholesterol. What it does contain, however, are saturated fats, which interfere with your body's efforts to eliminate the harmful cholesterol in your blood.

Actually, every vegetable oil is a mixture of three types of fat: saturated, monounsaturated and polyunsaturated. They key factor is the percentage of each kind. Peanut oil, for instance, is considered monounsaturated, because it's composed of 46 per cent monounsaturated fat. But it also contains a level of saturated fat (19 per cent) that's higher than that of many other bottled oils.

Knowing how much of each type of fat an oil contains is important, because these fats have very different effects on your body from eliminating harmful cholesterol, but

monounsaturated and polyunsaturated actually have a protective influence on your cardiovascular system — heart, lungs and arteries. These fats lower your level of LDL (low-density lipoprotein) cholesterol, which is associated with atherosclerosis, the buildup of fatty plaques on the inner walls of your arteries.

Monounsaturates may be best

Although both polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fats protect your heart, experts feel more comfortable recommending monounsaturates. Walter Mertz, M.D., director of the Human Nutrition Research Centre in Beltsville, Maryland, says polyunsaturates have a tendency to lower both LDL and HDL (high-density lipoprotein) cholesterol — the "good cholesterol" which prevents clogged arteries — while monounsaturates lower only the harmful LDL. Polyunsaturates may have other, harmful effects as well. In laboratory tests, animals given high doses of polyunsaturated fats developed cancer.

However, John R. LaRosa, M.D., chairman of the nutrition committee of the American Heart Association in Dallas, Texas, doesn't believe people need to give up using polyunsaturated oils, noting that the level of polyunsaturated fats given to the animals in this study were much higher than the proportions consumed by humans.

Experts agree on one point, though: Cut out the saturates. That means eating lean meats

Take a look at how cooking oils measure up.

WHAT'S IN THE OIL YOU USE?

TYPE OF OIL	% SATURATED	% MONOUNSATURATED	% POLYUNSATURATED
CANOLA (RAPESEED)	7	55	33
SUNFLOWER	9	12	74
WALNUT	9	28	63
SUNFLOWER	10	20	66
COBN	13	24	69
OLIVE	14	72	9
SOTHEAN	15	23	58
SESAME	15	40	40
PEANUT	19	46	30
COTTONSEED	26	19	51
PALM	49	37	9
PALM KERNEL	81	11	2
COCONUT	86	6	2

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and low-fat dairy products and checking the labels on processed food for highly saturated, palm, palm kernel and coconut oils.

Skip high-calorie food at salad bars

AS YOU head for the salad bar at your favourite restaurant, avoid turning potentially low-calorie meal into high-calorie eating. "The key pitfalls at a salad bar are foods containing high fat and salt," says Allison Boomer, chief research dietitian at Wayne State University Medical School in Detroit.

Italian and creamy, mayonnaise-based dressings are high in fat. One ladle (about four tablespoons, or 1/4 cup) may contain up to 400 calories.

Skip processed lunch meats — they're high in salt and often high in fat — and choose white breast of chicken, turkey or tuna salad. And pass up the sunflower seeds, olives, fried Chinese noodles and whole-milk cheeses; they're also high in both fat and salt. "By adding them to your salad mix, you could have a meal higher in fat than a plain hamburger," says Boomer.

Instead, opt for high-protein foods such as garbanzo and kidney beans, and leafy green and yellow vegetables. Pile on bell peppers and tomatoes; both are good sources of vitamin C. Ask for a reduced-calorie salad dressing or make your own, adding lemon juice or vinegar to one teaspoon of regular dressing.

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Arab Food Services Company enjoying the taste of success

The Arab Food Services Company operates primarily in Kuwait and was created in the late 1970s with the purpose of venturing into the food industry to fill a vacuum in the market, as a result of socio-economic changes in the Middle East.

The company's first venture in the production of special breads was the 'Boulangerie' which came into being in 1978, to meet a definite need for fresh breads and pastries. As a matter of fact the Boulangerie was the first bakery in Kuwait to offer French breads like baguettes, croissants and brioche, and thereby provide local tastes.

'Pizza Italia' was their next venture. Pizza is an Italian food and was selected as a basic item for the first Food Restaurant because it is an acceptable bread item affordable by the market, and can be of many varieties.

From a humble start of one pizzeria in Dayah in 1980, the company has developed into a chain of 18 Pizzerias serving Kuwait — they are still growing.

The company's concept of continuous menu expansion gained wide acceptance and made them the number one pizza chain in the Middle East. But they are more than just a pizza place. In addition to pizza and its derivatives the calzone, the menu also carries beefburgers, lamb franks, lasagna, french fries and onion rings.

It should be noted that the Arab Food Services Co. is an organisation that has not borrowed a franchise from any of the international conglomerates. Even though the name is Italian and the colours of the Italian flag, it is



A family enjoys a meal at one of Pizza Italia's restaurants.

totally an entrepreneurial invention, created and developed in Kuwait and being exported to the other Middle Eastern markets as a genuine Arab franchise.

The management of the company is pragmatic in its marketing concepts. The company

does not believe in inventing new wheels but rather to discover and improve upon acceptable and market-tested ideas.

It is a sensible approach because tested ideas carry less risks in their geographic transplantation and can be adapted readily to meet indigenous



The Boulangerie was the first bakery in Kuwait to offer French bread like baguettes, croissants and brioche.

needs and preferences. In a nutshell the company uses Western technology flavoured with local culture.

Since Pizza Italia and The Boulangerie have established into steady operations, Arab Food Services Co. decided to give the Kuwaiti and Arab

market a further variety in the food industry.

Maharaja Palace was thereby created to meet the crying need for ethnic food that most locals and expatriates would relish.

Maharaja Palace, located on Gulf Street, by the Kuwait Towers, an exclusive Indian food restaurant, is Arab Food Services' latest upscale venture.

Arab Food Services Company's operations are managed by a team of young and dynamic managers and staff who always put service before personal need and to a large measure, staff contribution has taken Arab Food Services into its present position.

Extensive planning, periodic monitoring, in-depth research, superior quality ingredients, are cornerstones of its growth with the pragmatic and professional approach of its owner Mahmoud Alghamdi.

TO MEET the everchanging needs of its clientele, the Meridien Hotel is constantly striving to upgrade both its services and facilities.

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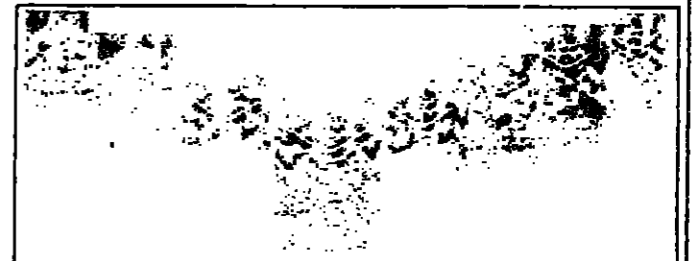
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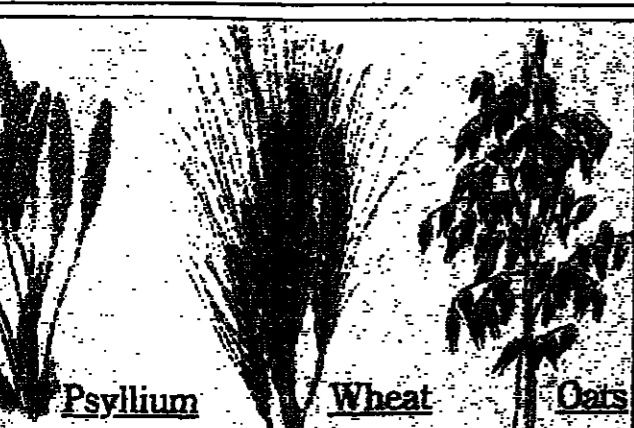
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- Have a salad every day.
- Use oats as a filler in casseroles or meat loaf.
- Eat beans and peas often.
- Use whole-grain flours when you bake.
- Have a high-fibre cereal or muffin daily.
- Snack on raw vegetables and fresh fruits.
- Eat foods in their natural states.
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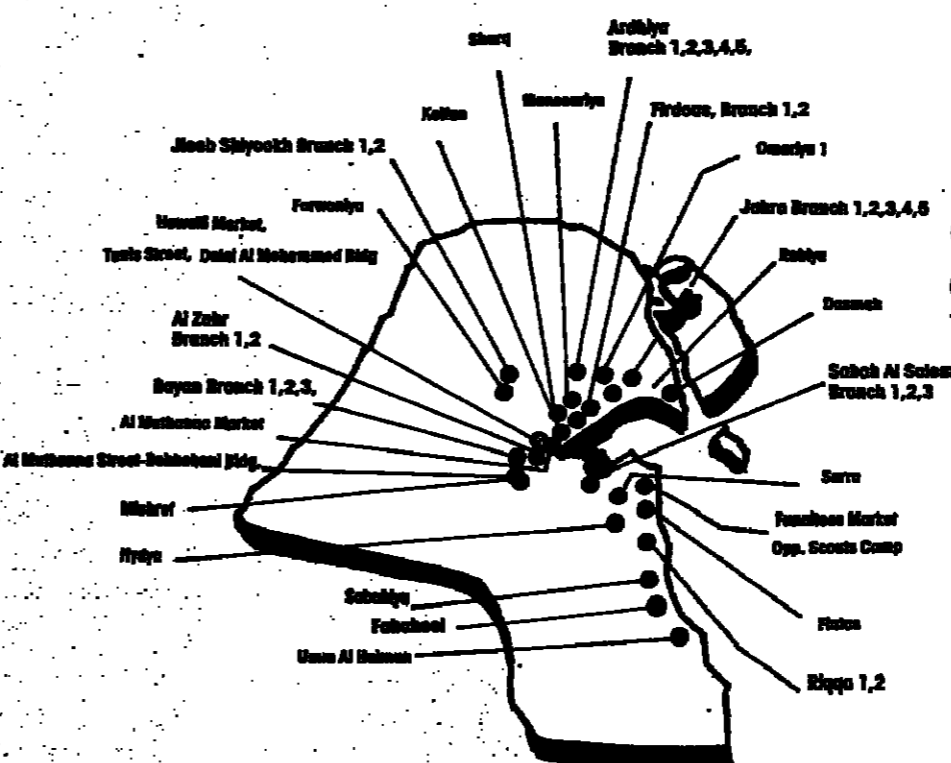
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1 Bread
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2 Milk
Vitamin B₁₂ can be lost if milk is exposed to daylight for long periods.



3 Duck
Vitamin B₁₂ is vital for the formation of blood cells in bone marrow. Duck and red meats are good sources. Vegetarians must take supplements.



4 Hamburger
Vitamin B₆ (Pyridoxine). Aids digestion of protein. Deficiency is rare. Meats are most in low fat.



5 Pasta and seafood
Iodine in seafood is an essential constituent for hormones produced by the thyroid gland. Pasta, especially wholemeal types, provides fibre.



6 Kidneys and rice
Pantothenic acid in kidneys and rice aids release of energy from fat and carbohydrates.



7 Carrots
Vitamin A (Retinol) is essential for vision but up to two years supply can be stored in the body.



10 Bananas
Magnesium's present mostly in this fruit. It's found in most foods.



8 Orange
Folic acid works with Vitamin B₁₂ to produce blood cells. It's lost from food which is stored for too long, exposed to light or cooked. Lack of it causes anaemia. Pregnant women and the elderly need extra.



12 Chicken
A good source of most proteins—low in fat, particularly if eaten without the skin. Don't fry—braise or poach and skin off excess fat. Chops, of course, should be a rare treat.



13 Blackcurrants
Our main source of Vitamin C in this country is from potatoes, but when for weight, blackcurrants contain four times as much as any other fruit. Don't add too much sugar when cooking.



16 Oxtail
Half the body's iron is in the form of haemoglobin. It's also found in eggs and vegetables but is not so easily used by the body—hence the high Vitamin C help absorption.



15 Broccoli
Another excellent source of folic acid. It should be cooked with care as it overcooks easily, losing its goodness. Steaming is better than boiling.



19 Cereal
There's a connection between source of carbohydrates and source of protein. Avoid those which are sugar-coated.



20 Spinach
Vitamin K is necessary for normal blood clotting—essential in coagulation and protein. Deficiency is rare.



17 Olive oil
Vitamin E has a protective effect: it may prevent degenerative diseases, although this hasn't been proved. Sources include nuts, oily fish like tuna, eggs, wholegrain cereals.



18 Crab
Shellfish and liver are particularly rich in copper, but you can also get an adequate supply from other minerals, only a tiny amount is needed from almost all other foods.



11 Fresh fruit
Potassium is an essential part of muscle tissue—also known as the body's salt and corresponds to the amount eaten.



14 Yogurt
An alternative way of taking calcium rather than drinking milk. Also for low-fat varieties but look out for added sugar in fruit-flavoured types. It's much better to add your own fresh fruit to natural yogurt.

Food and mood: is there a connection?

By Joan Lippert

DOES food affect your mood, or is it all in your head? Some people claim that eating fatty foods makes them feel sluggish while a chocolate bar makes them energetic. But researchers disagree on how and to what extent food and mood are related.

In the last few years, however, a controversial theory has emerged about food's impact on a person's mood. The general idea is that certain foods alter your mood by increasing production of certain neurotransmitters, which are body chemicals that pass messages from one brain cell to another.

It was discovered that three neurotransmitters — dopamine, norepinephrine and serotonin — are made in the brain from components of the foods we eat.

According to Judith J. Wurtman, Ph.D., a research scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of the book *Managing Your Mind & Mood Through Food*, people are more alert and think more quickly when their brains are producing dopamine and norepinephrine. Serotonin, on the other hand, alleviates tension and may make you feel sleepy.

Are you too tense?
If you are feeling edgy, a high-carbohydrate meal might help you unwind. Eating carbohydrate-rich foods raises the brain's level of tryptophan, an amino acid that is converted into serotonin, explains Bonnie Spring, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Serotonin controls hormone secretion, sleep patterns and perception of pain.

When you eat either simple carbohydrates (sugars) or complex carbohydrates (starches) the body breaks down into sugars, you're setting off a kind of chain reaction. The car-

bohydrates raise the level of tryptophan in your brain, which is converted to serotonin, which, it's hypothesized, will calm you and perhaps induce sleep.

In one of Spring's earliest experiments, performed in 1983, people who ate sherbet, which is high in carbohydrates, had more trouble repeating words than did people who ate protein-rich turkey breast. The women who ate sherbet said they felt sleepy, while men who had the turkey were more likely to describe their condition as relaxed. It may be that women are more easily affected by carbohydrates than men are. Spring also observed that the carbohydrate meal had a more dramatic effect on men and women over age 40 than on younger people.

When they ate the carbohydrates seemed to make a difference too. The subjects were more apt to feel tired if the carbohydrates were consumed at lunchtime rather than earlier in the day, Spring reports.

The carbohydrates' effect may be felt as early as within an hour of eating and can last for up to two more hours. Wurtman points out, however, that not everyone will feel relaxed or tired after a high-carbohydrate meal. A small group of people, whom she calls carbohydrate cravers, may actually feel more alert. These people might have a biochemical deficiency, Wurtman suggests.

Help for PMS?

Many women who suffer from premenstrual syndrome find that, in addition to physical discomfort, the disorder brings on sudden mood swings. The sufferers may become irritable, angry or depressed and prone to emotional outbursts or crying spells. But in a recent experiment, Wurtman found that women who had PMS noticed an improvement in mood when they ate plain cornflakes, a carbohydrate, without milk or sugar. Wurtman believes this is further evidence

of tryptophan's effect on mood.

Food for the occasion

In her book Wurtman also explores the notion of planning your meals around the mood you want to be in for specific occasions. If you have an afternoon business meeting, for example, she suggests that you start the day with a "major" breakfast—for example, half a grapefruit, a cup of oatmeal mixed with one quarter cup raisins and half a banana, a bran or corn muffin with butter and coffee or tea.

Lunch should be light: You could have three ounces of very lean roast beef on one slice of whole-grain bread, an apple and coffee or tea. The protein in the roast beef contains amino acids, which are nitrogen-containing chemicals. One amino acid, tyrosine, is the main component of dopamine and norepinephrine. When you eat protein, the tyrosine stimulates the production of these chemicals, which help keep you alert.

Researchers are exploring the possibility that consuming concentrated amounts of certain food substances could affect bulimia, mania or insomnia. However, the substances could have this effect only if consumed in their pure form, not as part of different food dishes. The research is still exploratory and controversial.

Many experts are sceptical about the neurotransmitter theory. They point out that researchers often cannot elicit the same results twice from their experiments.

Some believe that neurotransmitters may not even be involved in a person's response to food. Instead, they suggest that a person's reaction to a certain food may be related to childhood memories of the food, a woman's menstrual cycle, the circumstances under which the food is eaten and expectations of how the food will affect you. Even Judith Wurtman concedes, "Eating a rice cake is not like taking Valium."

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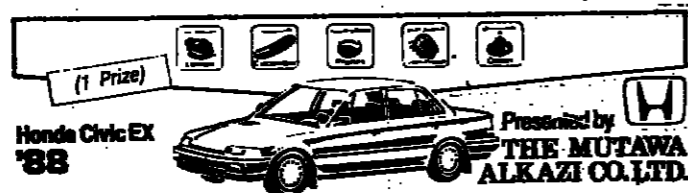
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A vital guide to food poisoning prevention

There are more than 2,000 strains of harmful bacteria that can contaminate food and make you sick — with symptoms that resemble the flu. Some of them can even kill you. Here's how to be certain the foods you buy are fresh; tips on cooking to destroy salmonella, staph and other germs; and storage ideas to keep food safe.

By Anne Cassidy

FOOD poisoning is more than just a nuisance. The most common symptoms — diarrhoea, nausea and stomach cramps — resemble those of the flu, and are just as debilitating. This illness is especially serious for infants, the elderly, pregnant women and those with chronic health problems. It kills thousands of people every year and leaves others with various long-term ailments.

You may think food poisoning is usually caused by restaurant food. In fact, most cases result from the improper handling of food at home. So you can't be careful enough when buying, preparing and cooking food. Here, is a vital guide to food-poisoning prevention.

The bacterial culprits

There are more than 2,000 strains of harmful bacteria that can contaminate food and make you sick. Because these microscopic germs work their mischief without changing the food's odour or appearance, you need to know where and how these organisms live to prevent them from moving in. Here are six common bacteria to put on your "most unwanted" list:

Staphylococcus aureus (staph). A common but fortunately not a very serious food-poisoning bacteria, staph causes vomiting and diarrhoea that last one or two days at most.

Onset: 2 to 8 hours after eating.

Habitat: It's not the staph bacteria that get you, but the toxins or poisons that they produce. They can be found in meat, poultry, cheese, egg dishes and starchy salads (such as pasta, potato and macaroni) left at room temperature. These toxins are also present on our skin (especially in boils, pimples and other skin infections), which means they can be transferred to food by unwashed hands.

Salmonella. This bacteria has been grabbing all the headlines with in the US with reports that four out of ten chickens sold to consumers are contaminated by salmonella. Infection with this bacteria is called salmonellosis. As with staph, this condition causes vomiting and diarrhoea, but both may be more severe. Fever also may occur. Symptoms last 2 to 7 days.

Onset: 12 to 36 hours after eating.

Habitat: Salmonella is partial to raw meat and poultry, but it's killed by thorough cooking. It also lives in unpasteurized milk and other foods (more about salmonella below).

Clostridium perfringens (perfringens). The third most common food-poisoning pathogen, perfringens, causes diarrhoea and gas pains that usually clear up in less than a day. But infection can be much more severe in older people and those with ulcers.

Onset: 8 to 24 hours after eating.

Habitat: Perfringens is called the "cafeteria germ" because it thrives at 25 to 140 F. (the



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temperatures of cafeteria steam tables) and in foods such as cooked beef, turkey, dressing, gravy, stews and casseroles.

Campylobacter jejuni (campylobacter). Ten years ago, this food-poisoning germ was seldom seen in humans; now it's believed to be the second leading cause of food poisoning. It causes severe diarrhoea, cramping, fever and headache. Symptoms last two to seven days.

Onset: 2 to 5 days after eating.

Habitat: Campylobacter thrives in raw chicken; underdone meat poultry and shell fish; untreated water; unpasteurized milk.

Clostridium botulinum (botulism). This is the least common, and most severe, food-

poisoning germ. Botulism toxin attacks your central nervous system, leading to double vision, droopy eyelids, headache, and difficulty in swallowing and breathing; it also causes vomiting, diarrhoea and cramping. It can be fatal or result in permanent nerve damage.

Onset: 12 to 48 hours after eating.

Habitat: It lives in canned goods — especially home-canned foods — and, unlike most food-poisoning bacteria, has a telltale odour. Beware of cans or jars containing milky liquids that normally should be clear; have dents, bulges, or loose or cracked lids; or which squirt when opened. Never taste food you suspect is contaminated with botulism.

Listeria monocytogenes (lis-

teria). This caused 47 deaths from contaminated cheese in California in 1985. Its symptoms are often flu-like ones, but listeria can lead to more serious conditions, such as meningitis and septicemia (blood poisoning).

Onset: Researchers aren't sure yet.

Habitat: Listeria can be found in raw vegetables and meats as well as dairy products.

How you get sick

FOOD POISONING germs can only make you sick when there are enough of them to do it; the number depends on the type of bacteria and your physical condition. Sometimes it takes millions of them; other times, only a few.

Here's what happens when you eat food contaminated with salmonella, for example: the bacteria must survive your stomach acids before they can get to the small intestine and begin multiplying. In 8 to 48 hours, there are enough of them to cause diarrhoea and stomach pains — sometimes nausea, vomiting, chills and fever, too. Most food-poisoning bacteria work in a similar way, although some produce a toxin, or poison, which acts more quickly or attacks your body in a different way. The botulinum toxin, for example, affects your nervous system rather than your intestinal tract.

As unpleasant as these symptoms are, they're better than the alternative: diarrhoea is the body's way to get rid of the invaders before they attack the rest of your system. And food-poisoning bacteria do much more damage outside your intestinal tract. For instance, when the strain of salmonella that causes typhoid fever invades the bloodstream, it infects many organs and causes death in one out of ten cases.

Salmonella: and campylobacter can cause the body's own immune system to damage joint tissue. "You end up with a chronic condition called reactive arthritis," explains Douglas Archer, Ph.D., director of the division of microbiology at the FDA. This

happens in about two per cent of cases.

When to be wary

SPECIAL circumstances may require extra precautions. Here are some safety measures:

● **AT-HOME PARTIES.** When you entertain, make sure that chafing dishes and food warmers keep foods at the "safe" range of 140 to 165F; frequently replenish perishable casseroles (those made with chicken, fish, meat, eggs and so on). Use a clean bowl or tray each time. Throw out any perishable foods left at room temperature for two hours or more.

● **BARBECUES.** Make sure chicken is cooked to 180F (since it's easy to blacken the outside without fully cooking inside). Also, never put cooked chicken or burgers back on the same plate that held the raw meat. This could recontaminate the food.

● **PICNICS.** Pack cold foods in an ice chest, which should be placed under a tree or in the coolest part of your car, not in the hot sun. Bring along some moist towelettes so you can clean your hands before you prepare food. Put leftovers away immediately in the ice chest or cooler. Don't worry about the mayonnaise unless it's homemade — it's not the food; poisoning villain most of us think it is. In fact, some commercially prepared mayonnaises actually retard the growth of food-poisoning bacteria.

● **PORTABLE LUNCHES.** Refrigerate or freeze perishable sandwiches the night before. Transfer cold milk and juice from their original containers to a thermos. If possible, include a cold drink or a frozen gel pack to keep your lunch cool until noon. Don't reuse grocery bags for packed lunches; they can harbour bacteria.

● **POWER OUTAGES.** If the power goes out or if the fridge or freezer fails, avoid the temptation to check on the food inside. If the door is left closed, most foods last four to six hours in the refrigerator and up to two days in a large, fully stocked freezer. If the problem lasts longer, store food at a neighbour's — or toss.

AFPC: promoting local agriculture

THE Agricultural Food Products Company (AFPC) is aiming to make Kuwait agriculturally self-sufficient, an official of the company said.

Khalid Al Othman, the managing director of AFPC, told a local newspaper that the company is doing all it could to promote local agriculture in an effort to ensure high local sales and achieve self-sufficiency.

Al Othman said the company is urging farmers to grow basic vegetables such as cucumber, tomato, egg plant and marrow. He said, the company has already seen some success in marketing those products locally. But, he added, the turnover of local agricultural products still falls short of the goal to become self-sufficient.

Al Othman explained that the company markets agricultural products in 34 locations in Kuwait, including some co-operative societies, which attract a good number of customers.

Many of the products come from the company's farmlands in Abdally and Wafra, and from a third farmland of 20,000 square miles, he said.

Al Othman said the company also markets fruit and vegetables for 240 farmers. He pointed out that the company



Khalid Al Othman, managing director, AFPC.

initially marketed products for only 20 farmers, and the increased number reflects the readiness of the farmers to co-operate with the company.

Al Othman explained that the company has a special pricing committee which regularly reviews and updates the prices on produce. He said this is done in an attempt to satisfy both farmers and consumers.



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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Debtor countries call for new initiatives to ease the burden

Bush will stick to Baker's Third World debt plan

WASHINGTON, Nov 26, (Reuters): A senior adviser to George Bush, signalling continuity in an important area of economic policy, said the president-elect will stick to a Third World debt plan drawn up by former Treasury Secretary James Baker.

Many debtor countries, joined by a growing number of bankers and academics, have called for new initiatives to ease the burden of the \$1.2 trillion the Third World owes to rich countries.

But the Bush adviser, who spoke to Reuters yesterday on condition that he was not identified, said he personally had yet to be convinced that the ideas outlined were practicable.

"If somebody can come up with a plan that is truly better than the present plan and is filled

out enough in details so that we're not walking on thin ice, then that would be worth looking at. But we don't see that now, the aide said.

Forgiveness

Bush has named Baker to be his Secretary of State when he takes over from President Reagan on Jan 20.

Baker's plan, unveiled in September 1985, envisaged that banks would pump in \$20 billion in new loans over three years to 15 heavily indebted countries, mainly in Latin America, if they agreed to reform their economies along market lines.

Critics contend that the Baker plan, which shuns grand designs and debt forgiveness, has failed because large-scale bank lending has not resumed and living standards in Latin America remain

depressed.

Former presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter said this week that rapid action was needed because the Third World debt problem had worsened for most nations.

"The Baker plan helped avoid a crisis but we believe that events have passed it by and a new direction is needed, using it as a point of departure," they recommended in a report.

Strategy

"The longer the problem continues, the greater the chance one of the big Latin American debtors will suffer a social, political, or economic crisis," the former presidents warned.

The Bush adviser acknowledged the current strategy was not perfect but said it had succeeded in restoring growth.

"The case by case, growth-

oriented Baker plan approach is working. It's tough, but it's working," he said. "Somebody who comes up with a new plan ought to keep that in mind."

Six years after the Latin American debt crisis erupted, poor countries are not alone in their misgivings about the current strategy.

Japan and France have suggested the International Monetary Fund (IMF) could administer a multilateral fund to guarantee new bonds that debtors would issue in exchange for currently outstanding, more expensive bank loans.

Claims

Such swaps, which entail banks giving up part of their claims, would help debtors by reducing the amount of debt.

But the Bush adviser said he was worried that such schemes,

even if they did not rely in the first instance on the taxpayer, could become a disguised way of using public money to bail out the private sector.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, who will stay on in the Bush administration, made the same point in a speech to the IMF annual meeting in West Berlin in September.

Brady said he was sceptical of proposals that would produce only "an illusion of progress."

Investment

"If we embark on a course that involves the transfer of risk from the private to the public sector, a true and lasting solution to the restoration of sustained growth among debtor nations will have escaped," Brady said.

The Bush adviser said the new administration would encourage

debtor countries to boost investment and reduce their debts by promoting debt-equity swaps.

In such a swap, a foreign firm buys a dollar-denominated loan at a discount from a bank that wants to reduce its exposure to Latin America. It takes the loan to the central bank, which converts the dollars into local currency on condition that it is invested in factories, hotels or other projects.

"It's something that in the coming months I think you will hear us talking more about," he said.

Chile has reduced its foreign debt by several billion dollars by means of debt-equity swaps, but Brazil and Mexico, the Third World's two largest debtors, have curtailed them because they fuel inflation by pumping up the money supply.

GATT negotiating group divided on service industries

GENEVA, Nov 26, (Reuters): Government trade negotiators yesterday adopted a report that delegates said reflected deep divergences between advanced and developing countries on how to work out international rules for service industries.

The 12-foot report, summing up 12 days of talks, will be submitted to government ministers meeting in Montreal on Dec 5 to review the Uruguay round of global negotiations conducted by 105 nations to free the flow of world commerce.

The negotiations, held under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), cover 15 sectors including manufacturing goods and agriculture. They were launched in the Uruguayan resort of Punta Del Este in 1986, and are due to be completed in 1990.

Delegates

Services — such as banking, insurance, tourism and construction — have been included for the first time in a GATT bargaining ground, and delegates said discussions had been tough and complicated.

A report approved on Monday covered most other areas of the talks but bargaining was continuing in private on the sensitive issues of trade reform and rules for protecting patents and trade secrets in commerce, delegates said.

The report on trade in services, adopted after more than a week of exchanges in a special negotiating group, was littered with passages in brackets indicating conflicting views.

Many of these passages reflected demands by developing countries for special consideration such as preferential access to industrialised country markets and protection of their own service sectors from foreign imports.

Lawson comes under fire after worst ever UK trade figures

LONDON, Nov 26, (Reuters): Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, facing a barrage of criticism over Britain's record October trade deficit, pledged today to keep using high interest rates as a weapon against inflation.

"I have constantly given this pledge and I give it again to you today: the control of inflation is central to our economic strategy," Lawson said, describing Britain's economy as strong and growing.

Opposition Labour politicians attacked Lawson and some political commentators suggested his political future was in doubt after yesterday's announcement of a record £2.93 billion (\$5.36 billion) monthly trade deficit.

Rates

The chancellor (finance minister) responded to the figures by immediately raising interest rates by one percentage point to 13 per cent — the ninth increase since June.

"Continued economic success means fighting one battle after another and never assuming you have won the war," Lawson said in his speech to the Conservative Trade Unionists' conference in Southport, northwest England.

"That is why, as inflationary pressures have reappeared, I have acted to raise interest rates. And I have said that they will stay as high as they need be, for as long as it takes, to bring these pressures back under control."

Inflation now stands at 6.4 per cent, a three-year high.

Wall Street faces long wait on budget worries

NEW YORK, Nov 26, (AP): Wall Streeters are bracing for what might be a long winter waiting for the first skirmishes in the battle of the budget between President-elect George Bush and Congress.

Most handicappers in the financial world say the odds are not good that the President-elect will be able to get much co-operation from the Democratic-controlled Congress on measures to deal with the US budget deficit.

Even if a constructive mood should develop, most analysts agree, the new administration will start out burdened with a heavy load of problems, and no clear mandate from the voters on what to do about them.

Worries

And while such worries have become a dominant force in the thinking of many investors, there is still nearly two months to go before Bush even takes office.

"George Bush has inherited some serious problems," say analysts at Wright Investors' Service in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

"The takeover activity that pushed prices so high these past five years represents a significant risk should recession or high interest rates turn the leveraged buyout debt bad."

"The deficit spending that helped propel the US economy to

U.S. Merchandise Trade Deficits

(In billions of U.S. dollars, not seasonally adjusted)

	JUNE '88	MAY '88	JUNE '87
Japan	\$4.40	\$4.12	\$5.35
Canada	1.40	1.04	0.53
Western Europe	1.91	1.20	2.93
NICs*	2.72	2.35	3.70

*Newly industrialized countries, including Singapore, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Korea

Source: Commerce Department

the longest peacetime expansion in history cannot be counted on forever.

"There is a limit to the debt which the US economy can support, and the dollar's recent weakness suggests we are close to that limit."

Yet, the Wright analysts say, "Bush's mandate does not appear to extend beyond maintaining the status quo."

"Congress may not allow President Bush a graceful way out of his 'read my lips' — no new taxes' pledge, and may not sup-

port his 'flexible freeze' on government spending."

Byrle Abbin, a tax partner in Washington with the accounting firm of Arthur Andersen and Co., says the new president and Congress are likely to find themselves playing a "game of chicken," leaving budget matters to be resolved in a last-minute, crisis atmosphere.

Stock prices, which had been slumping since the election early this month, managed to show signs of steadying in the past week. But trading was quiet and by all accounts uninspired.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks rose 12.27 to 2,074.68.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index edged up 45 to 150.63; the NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market lost 1.20 to 366.38, while the American Stock Exchange market value index was up 4.52 to 291.19.

Volume on the Big Board averaged 107.88 million shares a day, down from 136.08 million the week before.

Financial analysts say Bush's campaign vow against increasing taxes, while it may have helped him win the election, may hinder him in his dealings with Congress by fostering an adversary atmosphere.

Businesses dealing with government not affected by economic slowdown

By Lima Al Khalafawi

COMPANIES doing business in Kuwait during the Iran-Iraq war reported mixed fortunes. Some did risk business despite the impact of the war, while others suffered varying levels of setbacks.

Businesses dealing with the government were not affected by the economic slowdown before and after the war, Nazif Khalidi, regional director of Ericsson Technical Office, said.

With the government's goal to provide 30 telephones per 100 people, the company supplied and installed over 600,000 telephone lines, divided among 31 local, two international and four transit exchanges. Of these, 400,000 use the latest technology, he said.

Vital

Such vital services are necessary to contribute to the growth and development of Kuwait, Khalidi added.

Hani Sundquist, general manager of IKEA said the war did not directly affect his business. He added that the company has seen a steady increase in business since its inception in 1984.

Forty to fifty per cent of the company's customers are Kuwaitis he said. He added that though the prices of furniture

increased due to an increase in the customs duty and the rate of monetary exchange, this increase did not adversely affect the furniture market to a great extent. The reason, he said, is that furniture is always in demand, especially in Kuwait.

The auto market was adversely affected in Kuwait during the Iran-Iraq war. Sales dropped from KD15 million to KD5 million, Omar Al Mutawa, managing director of Abdul Aziz Al Mutawa Co. (Volvo), said.

He said that Kuwait re-exported a large number of cars, spare parts and other goods. However, this level of business dropped considerably during the war. It seems to be gradually returning to normal, he added.

For car agents in Kuwait, the existing marketing conditions are very competitive. Companies must create a system able to respond quickly and effectively to changing market needs. Kuwait comes third after Sweden and England with respect to ratio of Volvo cars to population, he said.

Requirements

Kuwait's cargo operations to Iraq up to 1983 provided 30 per cent of their requirements. However, the shipping sector was negatively affected by the war, as rates of freight plummeted while insurance rates shot up astronomically. Hakan Gran-

ader, managing director of International Shipping Agency, said.

He added that the company has been operating in Kuwait since 1956. In July last year, company operations reached their lowest levels.

The business trend now is upbeat, but it will be some time before it reaches pre-war levels. Competition will be tougher between local and foreign companies in the shipping field, he said.

Companies have become more aware of existing hazards and have implemented preventive measures and complete risk financing programmes, Gosta Holmstedt, area manager of Scanrisk, said.

Positions

Companies should be aware of their current financial positions, he said. This will be made easier through the vast experience of foreign firms dealing in risk evaluation and re-insurance arrangements.

Senior business officials said they are looking forward to obtaining post-war projects in Iraq and Iran.

Foreign companies have established business relations with Iraq and Iran and now have a head start. There is a general consensus among Gulf entrepreneurs that they could guarantee themselves a large slice of action if they mobilise their expertise now.

Turkish prime minister for Paris to boost ties

ANKARA, Nov 26, (Reuters): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, who sees Turkey's future pinned firmly to the West, starts a two-day visit to France on Monday during which Ankara's bid to join the European Economic Community (EEC) will be a major topic.

"It is an important visit. Our relations have been improving steadily recently," Foreign Ministry spokesman Inal Batu said.

Ozal, who submitted Turkey's application for EEC membership in April 1987, will discuss the issue at his first meeting with French Prime Minister Michel Rocard.

"France has acted very correctly and in a very forthcoming manner whenever we have spoken about our application for full EEC membership. They have never disappointed us," Batu said.

Doubts

Some EEC states have voiced doubts about Turkish membership mainly because of its Asian and Muslim identities, its rapidly growing population and poor human rights record.

Ozal will be the first Turkish prime minister to visit France in 16 years.

France's Jean-Bernard Raimond visited Ankara as foreign minister last January, confirming an improvement in ties after coolness mainly over

French support for Armenians.

France has given official support to its Armenian community which wants Turkey to recognise the alleged genocide of up to 1.5 million Armenians under Ottoman rule during World War One. Turkey denies the accusation.

Attacks

Seven Turkish diplomats have been killed in France since 1973 in attacks claimed by the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia (ASALA).

France has also opposed the presence of up to 25,000 Turkish troops in North Cyprus.

The Turkish Republic of North Cyprus, recognised only by Ankara, was proclaimed in 1983, nine years after a short-lived coup in Nicosia engineered by the military junta then in Athens.

"We have never claimed France and Turkey see eye-to-eye on the Cyprus issue but high-level contacts, such as Ozal's visit, are always useful for a rapprochement of views," Batu said.

Turkey's imports from France have risen 77 per cent since last year, reaching \$621 million during the first eight months this year. Exports stood at \$279 million in the same period.

French firms have actively bid for lucrative civilian and military Turkish contracts.

World Business Summary

American home sales slump despite lower interest rates

WASHINGTON, Nov 26, (AP): In further evidence of a slowing US economy, sales of existing homes fell in October for the second consecutive month even though mortgage rates eased, a real estate trade group reported yesterday. The National Association of Realtors said that existing US single-family home sales dipped to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.63 million units last month, down 1.1 per cent from the September rate. It marked the third month out of the last four in which sales declined. They dropped an identical 1.1 per cent in September and a striking 4.5 per cent in July. The downturn in October occurred even though fixed-rate mortgages edged below 10 per cent in some parts of the country. The decline in sales was accompanied by a small drop in prices. The median cost of an existing home sold in October was \$88,000, down \$100 from the September level. However, the price was still 4.1 per cent higher than a year ago, when the median home price was \$84,600. Analysts said the October decline in existing home sales, coupled with a sharp 7.8 per cent September drop in new home sales, reflected waning economic activity in the second half of the year. While they did not predict a severe slump in the housing industry, economists said the downward trend is likely to continue, especially in view of forecasts that mortgage rates will turn higher.

Iran and Australia agree on economic co-operation

NICOSIA, Nov 26, (Reuters): Iran, seeking access in Australian agricultural expertise, will sign an accord on economic co-operation with Canberra, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported today. It said Agriculture Minister Issa Kalantari and Australian Minister of Primary Industry and Energy John Kerin agreed after their first round of talks to sign a letter of understanding. The agreement, monitored in Nicosia, said Kalantari expressed particular interest in co-operating in planting eucalyptus forests, improving pastures, storing rainwater and producing vegetable seeds. Other areas of interest were aerial spraying of fertiliser and access to Australian livestock breeding and agricultural research centres. Kerin said Australia was ready to co-operate in joint projects, transfer of technology, training and the exchange of information and scientific data. IRNA reported. Kerin, who arrived yesterday from Turkey, is also due to visit India and Thailand.

Dutch premier warns of fiscal competition between EEC nations

AMSTERDAM, Nov 26, (AP): Dutch Premier Ruud Lubbers today warned EEC nations against uncaring one another's corporate tax rates when the trade bloc dispenses with internal restrictions in 1992. "This can soon lead to a shortage of tax revenue" for each of the European Economic Community's 12 member nations, Lubbers said. The Dutch premier, whose nation's corporate and private tax rates are among the highest in the world, spoke at a government-sponsored rally here to mark the 1992 internal European market. In post-1992 Europe, investors will have much more freedom to shop around for low tax rates, Lubbers said. "We'll have to watch out for downward tax competition... the danger is that in various sectors the lowest European rate will pull down that of other nations. 'With the many tasks that government will have to perform also in modern Europe, that's not an attractive prospect,' Lubbers said. Instead, he agreed the EEC should work harder to achieve "fiscal harmonisation at a reasonable level."

IFAD loan for Bhutan project

ROME, Nov 26, (OPECNA): The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will extend a \$2.58 million loan to Bhutan to co-finance an agricultural and environmental project in four districts in the western and central part of the country. The loan agreement, the third between IFAD and Bhutan, was signed here Wednesday between Fund President Dr Idriss Jazairy and Ugyen Tshering, director of Bhutan's Planning Commission. The project, costing \$3.74 million is aimed at improving and rehabilitating the irrigation systems in Punakha, Wangdi, Phooang and Thimphu districts. Following completion of the project, agricultural production, especially the country's staple rice, is expected to increase.

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American oil prices seen rising

NEW YORK, Nov 26, (Reuters): Oil prices are almost certain to jump to a higher plateau next week if, as expected, OPEC reaches its first 13-member production agreement in two years.

However oil analysts and traders said that even if the oil organisation secures an accord, it will still face pressures over the next months.

The deal, thrashed out after eight days of backroom bargaining in Vienna, hinges on approval by Iran of an oil quota equal to that of Iraq. The Iranian cabinet was deciding whether to accept over the weekend.

"If Iran agrees to (production) parity with Iraq, US, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) will jump to \$16 a barrel on Monday," said John Redpath, analyst with Energy Security Analysis. Oil

futures for the benchmark crude last traded officially in New York on Wednesday at just below \$14.

Iran's refusal to allow Iraq to pump the same amount of oil as Iran has been a stumbling block to an agreement for two years. The proposed pact puts the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' 13-member output at 18.5 million barrels per day (BPD) in the first half of 1989 and maintains an \$18 a barrel target price.

Step

But even if OPEC manages to complete the agreement, with its proposed 20 per cent decline in output from the 22-23 million BPD now being produced, the glut of oil on world markets will not be reduced, analysts said.

"A ceiling of 18.5 million

barrels per day is a step in the right direction and WTI could jump at most to \$16 a barrel as a result," said Peter Beutel of Elders Futures.

"A ceiling of 18.5 million or even 19.0 million would represent too little, too late," according to Charles Maxwell, senior energy strategist at C. J. Lawrence/Morgan Grenfell. He said a cap of 17.5 million barrels would be needed to cut inventories, now at their highest levels since 1982.

Although most oil analysts and traders believed Iran would eventually sign the pact, many were sceptical all 13 would stick to it and that prices would stay up.

"I doubt that the agreement will last six months without some cheating (on production

quotas)," said David Mangan, a consultant with the Washington forum.

To begin with, there may be bitterness over the treatment of Iraq, which will be given a sharply higher allotment after producing far above its last OPEC quota.

Nonetheless, David Mizrahi, editor of the Mideast Report, an economic newsletter, said the idea that all 13 members will sign would be "a breakthrough for OPEC because they haven't had an agreement in two years."

Mizrahi said that although the oil market is currently oversupplied, "prices will go up on a psychological reaction."

Some US oil analysts said WTI could hit \$17 to \$18 a barrel by Christmas just on optimism about the agreement.

Iran lifts restrictions on some imports

NICOSIA, Nov 26, (Reuters): Iran said today it was lifting import restrictions on 20 items ranging from rice to medical supplies as part of its transition to a peace-time economy.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said the commerce ministry released the list of goods which the private sector would be allowed to import and sell without government price setting.

It quoted acting Commerce Minister Abdolhossein Vahdani as telling a Tehran news conference the measure would go into effect on Saturday for two years.

Tehran Radio said chicken feed, seeds, pesticides, fertilisers, stationary, paper and educational films were among the deregulated goods.

Markets pick up steam as trade volume, value surge

THE ALSHALL Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 42.04 points with a decrease of 0.32 point — 0.8 per cent — over last week's average. Alshall Index for Gulf shareholding companies reached 49.02 points with an increase of 0.50 point — 1.03 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshall economic consultants.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 24.88 million shares at a daily average of 4.98 million shares with an increase of 68 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 2.96 million shares. Gulf traded shares reached 23.41 million shares at a daily average of 4.68 million shares with an increase of 92.5 per cent over last week's daily average of 2.43 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD7,048 million at a daily average of KD1,410 million, an increase of four per cent over last week's daily average of KD1,353 million. The value of Gulf traded shares was KD1,176 million at a daily average of KD0,235 million, an increase of 92.6 per cent over last week's daily average of KD0,122 million.

The performance of the market continued to be active this week which was reflected on volume and value in both Kuwaiti and Gulf share markets.

However, trading volume and price level increases were more accentuated in a certain number of companies which led to an apparent separation between the different companies in the market.

"We still believe that the rise in performance is a seasonal phenomenon which will only last in the short run and may prove to be harmful to some companies. Therefore we advise that buying decisions should be based on the present and expected financial position of the company," the report added.

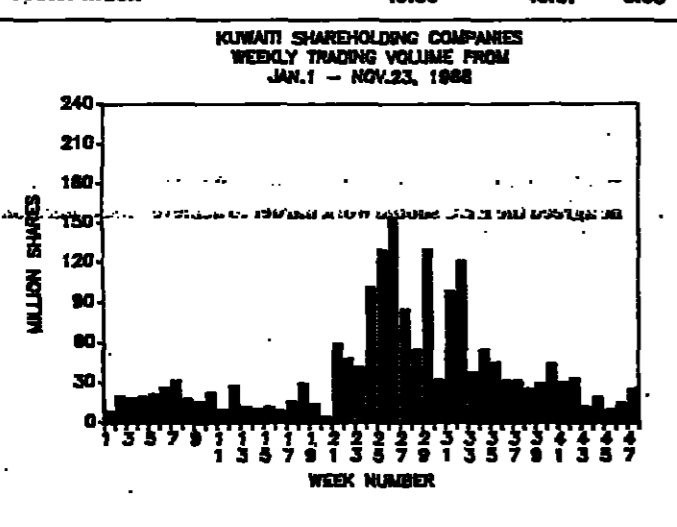
In the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector maintained its lead at 57.4 per cent of total trading against last week's 69 per cent. The Commercial Bank led that sector at 41 per cent, followed by The Gulf Bank at 19 per cent and Burgan Bank at 15 per cent.

Second came the services sector at 26.5 per cent of total trading in which Kuwait Commercial Markets Co. led at 85 per cent followed by Mobile Telephone Systems Co. at 9 per cent of total trading in which Kuwait Real Estate Co. led at 61 per cent followed by United Realty Co. at 36 per cent, and National Realty at three per cent.

As for the Gulf shares market, the financial sector had the lead at 85 per cent of total trading. Bahrain Middle East Bank had the lead in both sectors at 39 per cent, followed by Arabian General Investment (SHUA'A) at 25 per cent and Bahrain International Bank at 15 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 23/11/88	Wednesday 16/11/88	Change points
Banking Sector			
Kuwait National Bank	111.60	110.59	1.01
The Gulf Bank	34.80	34.39	0.41
The Commercial Bank	27.87	27.00	0.87
Al Ahli Bank	36.04	35.56	0.48
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	34.64	34.20	0.44
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	30.95	30.95	—
Burgan Bank	30.23	29.73	0.50
Kuwait Finance House	83.15	81.64	1.51
Sector Index	49.30	48.67	0.63

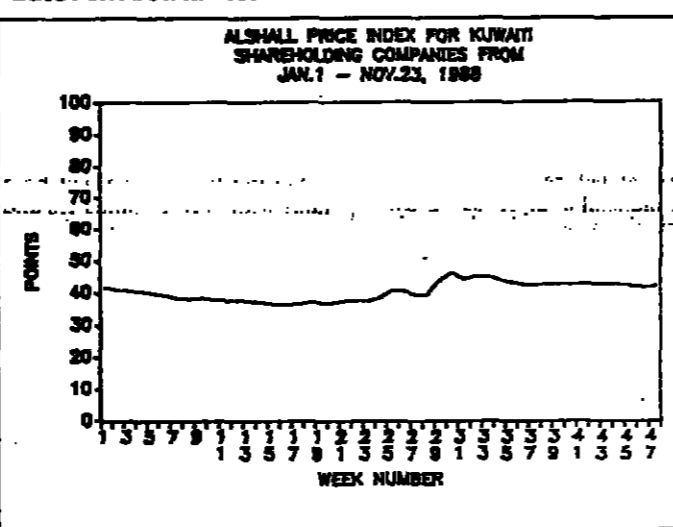


Investment Sector			
Kuwait Investment Co.	26.45	26.81	-0.37
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	24.05	24.40	-0.34
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	80.95	80.95	—
IFA	70.59	70.59	—
Commercial Facilities Sector Index	117.50	120.00	-2.50
Insurance Sector			
Kuwait Insurance Co.	39.68	39.68	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	26.92	26.92	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	51.28	51.28	—
Warba Insurance Co.	75.60	75.90	—
Sector Index	40.16	40.16	—
Real Estate Sector			
Kuwait Real Estate	26.00	26.51	-1.51
United Realty	10.28	10.05	0.22
National Real Estate	38.22	39.81	-1.59
Sector Index	18.96	19.22	-0.26
Industrial Sector			
Kuwait Cement Co.	17.38	17.38	—
Refrigeration Indust.	86.75	86.75	—
Gulf Cables	114.16	113.13	1.03
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	89.78	90.67	-0.89
Sector Index	36.08	36.01	0.08
Services Sector			
Kuwait Computer Co.	185.76	185.76	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	9.04	9.04	—
Public Warehousing Co.	78.79	76.77	2.02
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	35.95	33.96	2.00
Mobile Telephone Syst.	333.33	323.81	9.52
Sector Index	62.59	61.00	1.59
Food Sector			
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	46.38	46.38	—
United Fisheries	10.91	10.91	—
Kuwait United Poultry	79.21	79.21	—
Kuwait Food Co.	70.11	70.11	—
Sector Index	41.81	41.81	—
Overall Index	42.04	41.72	0.32

Gulf shareholding companies index

	Wednesday 23/11/88	Wednesday 16/11/88	Change points
Financial Companies			
First Gulf Bank	163.16	163.16	—
United Gulf Bank	34.48	34.48	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	93.79	93.79	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	106.31	102.51	3.80
Gulf Investments Co.	61.03	61.03	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	95.24	93.33	1.90
Bahrain Kuwait Inv. Gro.	60.30	60.30	—
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	54.55	51.52	3.03
Sector Index	64.82	64.20	0.72
Other Companies			
Gulf Cement (fully paid)	10.69	10.69	—
Sharjah Cement	10.50	10.50	—
Fujairah Cement	9.21	9.87	-0.66
Ras Al Khaima W. Cement	27.22	26.67	0.56
Gulf Medical Projects	30.90	30.90	—
Sector Index	15.68	15.66	0.02
Overall Index	49.02	48.52	0.50

Base Period 31/12/1983.



UK economy faces tough time

Market to push dollar lower, says study

WITH public holidays last week in both the US and Japan, trading was extremely thin. However the dollar continued its bear trend which was reinforced by Bush's reiteration of a reluctance to raise taxes and further indications that consumer prices are advancing faster than anticipated. Intervention was mild and the US unit retreated against all major currencies losing a further two pennings against the DM whilst falling at one point below Y121. Bonds were sent lower on renewed concern over inflation although partially regained losses later in the week.

Equities traded thinly and ended the week slightly higher. The current dollar position is Y121.3 and DM1.7160, according to NBK weekly market review.

Consumer price index rose an adjusted 0.4 per cent in October following an 0.3 per cent increase in September. On a year-on-year basis, consumer prices rose 4.2 per cent in October.

Real earnings increased by 0.5 per cent in October after rising 0.5 in the previous month. On a year to October 1988, earnings fell 0.1 per cent.

Durable goods orders rose a seasonally adjusted 2.4 per cent in October after falling 2.9 per cent a month earlier.

Durable shipments increased by a seasonally adjusted 0.5 per cent in October. This follows an increase of 0.2 per cent in September.

The lack of intervention by the central banks to support the dollar suggests the reluctance by key G-5 countries outside of the US to support the US unit. They believe that the dollar's demise is entirely a consequence of US domestic policy particularly with respect to the budget deficit and hope that the dollar's decline will reinforce and demonstrate the importance to the new US administration of implementing

an effective budget reduction programme. Although the NBK report anticipates that the market will push the US unit lower, resistance is likely to be met around the Y120.5 and DM1.71 levels. Significant central bank intervention may just occur, for although policymakers are prepared to see the dollar go lower, may wish to slow the trend. Therefore some partial retracement of the US unit could take place.

Evidence
The consumer price index provides further evidence of a rising inflationary trend and suggests that the US authorities will need to form monetary policy. The Federal Fund's rate has now reached a point where an increase in the discount rate is necessary for it to move ahead. "We therefore expect this to happen in the not too distant future. Concern over inflation and the dollar's decline has continued to add to the nervousness in the bond and equity markets and we do not expect any change to this environment," says the report.

Trading ranges for the coming week are: Y119-123 and DM1.68-1.74.

In the United Kingdom the week's events were dwarfed by the release of the appalling trade numbers on Friday. The immediate upshot of a record trade deficit sent sterling two pennings lower to DM3.13.

However the increase in base rates by a further one per cent within half an hour of the data being released saw sterling regain ground to over DM3.15.

The trade numbers saw both a fall in exports by over 11 per cent but moreover imports rose by over 12 per cent. Although to some extent the figures can be explained by one-off anomalies the extent of the underlying deterioration is still atrocious. The numbers undoubtedly reflect the continuing strength of

domestic consumer demand with higher imports and exports directed to satisfy the domestic market. The current account deficit from January to October 1988 at £12.4 billion compares with the official forecast for the year as a whole of £13 billion. This looks likely to be exceeded by at least a further £1 billion (representing well over three per cent of GNP).

Deficit
Visible trade for October was in deficit to £2929 million compared with a deficit of £954 million a year ago and a deficit of £1094 million in September. Current account deficit was £2429 million for October compared with £594 million a month ago and £491 million for the same time a year ago.

"We have long maintained that interest rates would have to remain at least at current levels if not higher to sufficiently constrain excess consumer demand. This week's increase in interest rates taking base rates to 13 per cent may still not be enough. Although sterling regained its immediate losses, supported by rising interest rates, the pound remains inherently weak on the further deterioration in fundamentals (namely higher inflation and a widening current account deficit). The financial markets therefore remain exceedingly fragile (equities were sharply lower on the trade data), the report added.

Although UK policymakers are endeavouring to reduce consumer demand by moderately lowering economic growth, such high interest rates may hit industrial output harder and therefore growth for the longer term could be considerably lower. The UK economy faces a complex and difficult period ahead.

Sterling is likely to continue to be supported by high interest rates for the immediate future and trading ranges will continue at around DM3.12-3.17 and £/

£1.79-1.85.
West German M3 money supply continues to rise outside of its 3-6 per cent target range, increasing at an annual rate of 6.8 per cent over the September to October period. As a consequence policy is likely to remain unchanged and gives further concern that the cost of living may rise above its current 1.3 per cent to possibly touch two per cent.
The Japanese economy is still

growing fast with construction orders rising by 19.3 per cent from a year earlier. Industrial production also increased strongly over the quarter to September by 2.4 per cent. The numbers continue to reflect buoyant consumer demand for intermediate goods notably cars.

The strength of both the West German and Japanese economies negates the US argument that these countries should do more to reflate.

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9	Vasily Belokonenko	Al Rashid	2422026
20	Sunday Cape	GH&Q	4747815
21	Al Yasrah	L. Stock	2434177
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26/11	Nasbon	Int Marafi	2465645
26/11	Lanka Sreedevi	G. Qutub	4747815
26/11	Hual Ingrida	A. Bahar	2459891
26/11	Uni Modest	Sahnia Shpg	4745471
27/11	Pelagos	Y. Alghamdi	4745333
27/11	Uni Corn	Alghamdi	4842988
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3	UCO XVII	Sager Shaheen	2432692
6	Smyrni	Alghamdi	4842988
10	Sea Star-L	Sager Shaheen	2432692
14	Cadmus	B.H. Hassan	2440359
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIB PORT			
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26/11	Dubai	UASC	4843150
27/11	Al Mirqab	UASC	4843150
27/11	Quincy	Barwil	4842988
28/11	Oktaf Taarik	RMSM	2432692
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Lukman gets positive signals from Tehran

Iran keeps OPEC waiting

VIENNA, Nov 26, (Reuters): Iranian leaders were due to meet this evening to decide whether to accept an OPEC proposal to cut production and prop up world petroleum prices, a senior Iranian oil official said.

Approval by Tehran's cabinet would remove the last obstacle to the deal, worked out during more than a week of backroom bargaining in Vienna among the organisation's 13 oil ministers.

But rejection would put negotiations back to square one and oil analysts believe it would almost certainly trigger a crash on oil markets when they reopen on Monday.

Package
Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh flew back to Tehran yesterday to brief leaders on the package which requires Iran to allow arch rival Iraq to match its oil output from January.

Aqazadeh's deputy, Fereidoon Barkashly, who stayed in Vienna, told reporters the crucial

cabinet session would take place this evening and said: "We will inform OPEC tomorrow."

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries postponed a meeting of ministers from 7 pm (1800 GMT) until an unspecified time tomorrow morning, but Barkashly added: "The earlier the better."

Deal
That is expected to be a final session to sign the deal and the mood in Vienna among the other 12 producer nations, who are not expected to raise any last-minute objections, was upbeat.

OPEC President Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria said he had already received positive signals from Tehran.

"Put it this way, I'm not pessimistic," Lukman told Reuters. "You can go further than that, I am optimistic. We are waiting on the word from Tehran, let's keep our fingers crossed."

Ministers had hoped the Iranian cabinet would signal its intentions today.

But Aqazadeh had earlier in the day told the official news agency IRNA he would discuss the proposals with government leaders today and also tomorrow morning.

"Then we will inform OPEC of Iran's decision," he said.

Many aspects of the package have already been accepted by Aqazadeh, but delegates said he is anxious to spread the political responsibility of deciding on the key points that deadlocked Vienna talks for so long — output parity with Iraq.

The deal would slash production by about 20 per cent from current levels to 18.5 million barrels per day and allow Iran and Iraq equal 14.27 per cent shares of the overall and ceiling.

Demands
Iran had consistently rejected Iraqi demands to pump the same amount of oil. Iraq in turn has boycotted production sharing agreements since late 1986, fragmenting the 13-nation organisation and undermining its ability to dictate oil prices.

While the Gulf war raged there was little chance of Iran and Iraq entering into a compromise. But since August's ceasefire, Aqazadeh and Chahabi have sat down together at the negotiating table several times.

World markets appeared yesterday to share Lukman's optimism that OPEC mediators had found a face-saving formula that the Iranian cabinet would be ready to accept.

The organisation's main Middle East crude, Dubai, surged \$1.70 a barrel in Europe yesterday to \$24.40, although it was still well below OPEC's \$17.42 reference price.

Aqazadeh, in an IRNA report monitored in Nicosia, emphasised the positive points of the proposed deal for Tehran:

— A commitment to push prices back up to \$18.
— An increase of 271,000 barrels per day in Iran's quota.

Constitutional changes introduce free market economy in Belgrade

BELGRADE, Nov 26, (UPI): The Yugoslav federal parliament replaced one-third of the nation's constitution yesterday, passing amendments that open the door to foreign investment to help the nation's beleaguered economy.

"The amendments mean radical changes in our economic system. We want to create such firms which will develop freely so that they can be competitive on the world market," commented Borisav Jovic, the 60-year-old economist and President of Serbia Republic's Parliament.

Under the new amendments,

Yugoslav citizens will be allowed to become stockholders and foreigners may set up joint ventures with Yugoslav private or state-owned firms. Local factories and business firms will have more freedom in decision-making and workers will have an official right to strike.

Political changes, including secret ballots and the separation of party and government, also were among the amendments passed.

Yugoslavia is mired in its worst economic crisis in 40 years. Economic analysts say the annual rate of inflation should

reach 250 per cent in December while unemployment hits one million people.

Labour protests this year already have surpassed the 1987 total of 1,685, trade union officials said.

Passage of the amendments culminated two years of bickering among regional leaders of Yugoslavia's six republics and two autonomous provinces.

Finally putting aside their self-interests, the republics and provinces passed the amendments last week and forwarded them to the federal parliament for formal proclamation.

Egypt's foreign currency crisis will continue, says premier

CAIRO, Nov 26, (Reuters): Egypt's foreign currency shortage will continue for some time despite a \$1.6-billion rise in hard currency earnings in 1987-1988, Prime Minister Ataf Sedki said today.

Sedki, presenting his policy statement to a new session of the People's Assembly, said hard currency earnings rose to \$11.3 billion in the fiscal year ended on June 30, compared to 9.7 billion the previous year.

"But the bottleneck is still there and the problem will remain for a long time," he said, departing from a written text.

Earnings
Sedki said earnings from exports including oil in 1987-88 rose by 43.5 per cent over the previous year to \$3.3 billion. He gave no figure for imports.

Remittances from expatriates tripled to \$1.5 billion, he said. Government officials estimate more than three million Egy-

tians are working abroad, mostly in Gulf Arab states.

Other major foreign currency earners were revenues from Suez Canal tolls and tourism.

Sedki said he was confident an increase in exports and tourism would gradually ease the shortage. He said more efforts should be exerted to encourage Arab tourism, which accounted for 18 per cent of visitors.

The prime minister said Egypt was negotiating with the World Bank for loans worth \$600 million to boost agricultural, industrial and energy production.

Talks
He said talks with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on a second agreement were continuing. This would let Egypt reschedule debt payments falling due between last July 1 and the end of 1989.

Egypt's total foreign debt is estimated at \$43 billion.

Payments to service the debt, due from last July 1 to the end of next year, are estimated at \$4 billion.

An earlier standby credit agreement with the IMF allowed Egypt to reschedule debt payments due from January 1987 until last June 30. But Egypt has been reported in default for payments due after that date.

"The talks (with the IMF) are very complicated and difficult," Sedki said.

Progress
Several IMF teams have visited Cairo in recent months to assess progress in reforms agreed under last year's accord but talks were inconclusive.

Sedki said an official free foreign exchange market set up in May last year under the agreement with the IMF had brought in \$3.3 billion during 1987-88, which would otherwise have been channelled to the black market.

GCC trade ministers begin talks

MANAMA, Nov 26, (Agencies): Commerce ministers from six GCC states began talks here today on ways to boost trade co-operation between these countries.

The ministers will meet within the framework of the 12th session of the trade co-operation committee and the 10th meeting of the standardisation authority.

In an opening speech, Saudi Minister of Commerce Suleiman Al Salim pointed out the significance of the issues at hand, hoping that the meetings would meet success.

For the host country, Bahrain, Minister of Agriculture and Trade Habib Ahmed Qassem welcomed the participants and

raised their efforts in relation to the joint GCC trade issues.

The ministers are set to focus on a number of issues, most important of which are those relating to guidelines of trade agencies and the trade arbitration centre and the trading preferences among Third World nations.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister of Bahrain, opened the Fifth GCC Trade Fair at the Arabian Exhibition Centre this morning.

Attending the opening ceremony were Saudi Arabian Minister of Commerce, Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khalid, Kuwaiti Minister of Commerce,

Abdulla Bin Nasir Al Surwaidi, Qatari Minister of Commerce and Transport, Saif Bin Ali Al Jarwan, UAE Minister of Economy and Commerce, Salim Bin Abdullah Al Ghazali, Omani Minister of Commerce and Industry and Habib Qasim, Bahraini Minister of Commerce and Agriculture.

GCC Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Affairs, Abdulla Al Quwaiz, GCC ambassadors, prominent businessmen and dignitaries also attended at the opening.

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Slingers outclass Chuckers

SOWETO SLINGERS continued their impressive early season form with a comfortable 5-1 win at Chuckers in the KBRC Wednesday Darts League this week.

The single home victory came from Dave Bosworth as he won a memorable battle with John Donovan 2-1, as both players scored 140, and John 4 high scores. This seemed to inspire their ladies as Chucklers scored their first win of the season, knocking Avengers from the top of the table in the process, with excellent darts from Julie Williams, scoring 138.

Men's League second place is now shared by H20, Middle Eastenders, and Equalisers, who also all won this week, and are two points behind Slingers. H20 and Mee both cruised to impressive 6-0 wins against Rondells and Shipwrecks respectively, while Equalisers can be satisfied at having beaten fifth placed Bulls Hitters by 4-2.

Mee Ladies are now heading their League thanks to a 2-1 defeat of improving Shipwrecks. They are closely followed by Lady Tossers, Bulls Hitters, and Filies, who all won again, as well as Avengers.

In a week of few high scores, Paul Courtmead made 140 as Shower of Tossers revived their fortunes with a 4-2 success against Mee. A Trois, despite two high scores each for Alan Anderson, Mike Simms and Mike Culley.

There was steady improvement from Entente Geordiale, with a 5-1 win at Nobblers, and Has Beans with a 4-2 victory over Dinar Soarers, though in both cases the ladies reversed their men's results 2-0. Other scores of note, Angela Soboh claimed her ladies trophy with a 114 score, and Terry Slattery had a 109 finish amongst his two high scores.

Tense
With two of the top teams out of action this week, and no Baggs v Members result in, Straight As A Dai are now the new leaders in the KBRC Monday League, thanks to a tense 4-2 result at Exiles.

Both Mickey Mouse games were very close, but the Dai's won both and the points. Tanker Co moved up the table with a satisfying 5-1 over Pacificists, as Jim Thompson, Louise Jorgensen and Doug Francis all hit 140.

A good night for Doug as he also checked one leg of 501 in 16 darts, though Pacificist Ladies earned two good points in their match, winning 2-0.

Cunning Linguists also continue to improve, Bandits being their latest victims, 5-1. 140's here for Erik Christensen and Ken Edwards. Bandit Ladies however were undaunted and came through 2-0, remain equal top with Queens, 2-1 winners against Mishraf, despite a 140 from Mary Craig. A clean sweep here as Wallbangers did enough to ensure a 4-2 result against Mishraf men.

Badminton events
TOKYO, Nov 26, (AP): The Thomas and Uber Cup competitions, symbols of world badminton supremacy for male and female players, will be held in Tokyo in 1990, the Japan Badminton Association said today.

Both competitions are scheduled for the period from May 20, 1990, to June 3, 1990, the association said.

McLaren are always going to be hard to beat," said Formula One Constructors' Association chairman, Bernie Ecclestone. "With 15 wins out of 16 races for McLaren (in the past season) it would be a brave man to bet against them."

But under rules coming into effect next season there may be more competition around.

Success
The fast turbo-charged engines which helped Frenchman Alain Prost win the Australian race and Brazilian team-mate Ayrton Senna win second place, and — earlier — clinch this year's world championship, will not be allowed.

"I'm hopeful that next year some other teams will make the effort. Ferrari should be very competitive again and of course Williams," said Ecclestone.

McLaren's utter dominance of Formula One this year has brought complaints their success has taken some of the magic from racing — a charge McLaren team boss Ron Dennis finds hard to take.

"People claim that we have wrecked this year's championship," he told a news conference. "I don't know what they expected us to do. Do they expect us to be deliberately less competitive?"

It is not just engines which have made McLaren so strong.

INDIAN SPINNERS LEAVE NEW ZEALANDERS STRUGGLING

Ayub and Hirwani destroy Kiwis

BOMBAY, Nov 26, (Reuters): Indian spinners Arshad Ayub and Narendra Hirwani destroyed New Zealand's batting today to leave the tourists struggling desperately at 182 for eight in their second innings on the third day of the second Test.

The New Zealanders, 133 for two at tea, lost their final five wickets for only 18 runs in 50 minutes against the Indian spin duo.

Off-spinner Ayub and leg-spinner Hirwani, who bowled unchanged throughout the final session, captured three for 35 and four for 71 respectively. The pair share 27 out of the 38 wickets to fall to the Indians in the series so far.

Earlier New Zealand dismissed India for 234 in their first innings to lead by two runs.

The tourists' demise began when Mark Greatbatch played a horrendous shot across the line and was bowled for 31 by Hirwani 20 minutes after tea.

It marked the end of an excellent third wicket partnership of 76 with Andrew Jones which had lasted two hours.



Ayub (left) and Hirwani: turned the tide

Disastrously for New Zealand, Jones' 254-minute vigil ended soon afterwards.

After a valiant 78, his first half century of the tour, Jones played back to Ayub and was lbw. He had faced 175 balls and struck six fours.

Minutes later Tony Blair, who would have been run out but for a wild shy by Ravi Shastri which



Ayub (left) and Hirwani: turned the tide

went for four overthrows, was lbw to Ayub for five as sharp turn beat his defensive stroke on the back foot.

When Richard Hadlee (one) and Ken Rutherford (17) were out in successive overs to catches at backward short leg and silly point, the match had been turned upside down in a matter of 13 overs.

Danny Morrison, sent in at number nine to protect John Bracewell, defended grimly for 15 minutes before succumbing to Hirwani without scoring in the penultimate over of the day.

The morning and afternoon sessions had gone particularly well for New Zealand who wrapped up India's first innings within a few minutes of the start of play when Hadlee uprooted Morrison's off-stump in his first over to finish with six for 49.

Trevor Franklin got an edge to a Kapil Dev outswinger in the opening over of New Zealand's second innings and was out for two but John Wright and Jones, despite being beaten several times by the swing of Kapil and debutant Rashid Patel, put together a second wicket stand of 71 in just under two hours.

Wright looked unlikely to be dismissed when he was lbw to Hirwani for 36 to a ball which appeared to be outside the line of the off-stump.

Scoreboard
NEW ZEALAND first innings 236 (M. Greatbatch 52, R. Shastri 4-55)
INDIA first innings (overnight 232 for 9)

K. Srikkanth c Franklin b Hadlee	34
Arshad Lal b b Hadlee	9
N. Sinclair b b b Chatterfield	6
D. Vengsarkar c Shastri b Bracewell	25
M. Ashwin c b Greatbatch b Bracewell	9
R. Shastri b Chatterfield	32
Kapil Dev b Hadlee	7
K. More b Hadlee	28
A. Ayub c Bracewell b Hadlee	10
R. Patel c Rutherford b Ayub	9
N. Hirwani not out	2
Extras (lb-5 sb-7)	12
Total	234

Fall of wickets: 1-26 2-34 3-134 4-150 5-150 6-172 7-209 8-224 9-229

Bowling: Hadlee 26.5-5-49-6, Morrison 16-1-38-0, Chatterfield 18-6-41-2, Bracewell 12-6-31-2

NEW ZEALAND second innings:

T. Franklin c More b Kapil	2
J. Wright lbw b Hirwani	36
A. Jones lbw b Ayub	78
M. Greatbatch b Hirwani	31
K. Rutherford c Arshad Lal b Ayub	17
R. Patel c Rutherford b Ayub	5
R. Hadlee c Vengsarkar b Hirwani	1
I. Smith not out	5
D. Morrison c More b Hirwani	0
J. Bracewell not out	1
Extras (lb-4 sb-1)	6
Total (for eight wickets)	182

Fall of wickets: 1-2 2-73 3-149 4-163 5-169 6-176 7-176 8-181

Bowling: Kapil Dev 14-3-23-1, Patel 8-4-25-0, Ayub 24-9-35-3, Hirwani 24-7-41-4, Shastri 7-0-27-0

Johnson cries in first TV interview since Seoul Olympics



Johnson (centre) leaving Seoul after being stripped of his gold medal.

ROME, Nov 26, (Reuters): Ben Johnson broke down and cried in his first full television interview since the Seoul Olympics when he told how the loss of his gold medal in sport's biggest doping scandal had shattered his life.

But the Jamaican-born 100 metres world champion and record holder, denying that he had knowingly taken drugs, pledged to return to the track for the 1992 Games in Barcelona and promised to run faster than ever.

Johnson was banned from competition for two years when traces of the banned anabolic steroid stanozolol were found in urine samples after his 100 metres victory in Seoul.

The interview was conducted at Johnson's Toronto home in mid-November and will be broadcast tomorrow night on Italian television.

Sobbed
Johnson, dressed in a grey tracksuit, denied he had lost millions of dollars in sponsorship because of his disgrace but sobbed when interviewer Giovanni Minoli asked if he was rich.

"I'm okay, I'm fine," Johnson said before stopping to wipe tears from his eyes.

Minoli told Reuters it took Johnson's family and lawyer six minutes to convince him to continue and that the athlete struck him as "torn up inside."

Johnson, who sat surrounded by medals and trophies from his career, told how he handed back his Olympic gold medal.

"I just gave it back because I didn't feel like I earned it because of what happened," Johnson said.

"I said 'sure, it's yours, take it back' because they can always take back the medal but they can't take away my speed."

Johnson, whose case is at the centre of an official inquiry into doping in sport in Canada, repeated denials that he had knowingly taken banned drugs or knew who had administered the steroids and said he was determined to return to competition.

Johnson added that before Seoul, when he was recovering from a hamstring injury, he had taken ginseng and sarsaparilla drinks prepared by his doctor George Astaphan.

He said he did not believe drugs, including bulk-building steroids, helped an athlete run faster.

Schwartz wins Macao GP

MACAO, Nov 26, (AP): Kevin Schwantz of the United States, driving a Suzuki 500, roared to victory today in the 22nd Macao motorcycle Grand Prix, winning his third international title.

Earlier this year, the 24-year-old Schwantz won the Japanese Grand Prix and the German Grand Prix.

In the motorcycle race in this Portuguese enclave at the tip of south China, Schwantz finished the 30 laps of the 6.1-kilometre (3.8-mile) race in 1 hour, 21 minutes and 1.44 seconds with an average speed of 136.2 kilometres (84.4 miles) per hour. The race was run over two legs of 15 laps each.

Peter Rubatto of West Germany was second in 1:21:31.21. Rubatto, who also finished second last year, drove a Bimota Yamaha. Robert Dunlop of Ireland, on a Honda RC30, came in third in 1:21:37.96.

Schwantz was so confident of victory that at times during the race he raised the front wheel of his bike and waved to the spectators.

Soviet Union retain lead in chess tourney

SALONIKA, Greece, Nov 26, (Reuters): The Soviet defending champions agreed a quick draw against their 12th-seeded Dutch opponents yesterday to remain in the lead after the 11th round of the Chess Olympiad.

The Soviet players have scored only two points in the last 20 games but chasing teams have been unable to take advantage, giving the champions a clear three-point lead.

A gentlemen's agreement occurred after the board three game between Dutch grand master Gennadi Sosonko and Soviet grand master Artur Yusupov was drawn.

An off-board draw proposal by the Dutch for the remaining games was accepted by the Soviet side after discussing the matter with world champion Garry Kasparov who did not play yesterday.

England remained in second place despite draws in all four boards with the fourth-seeded Americans.

Third-seeded Hungary beat fifth seeds Yugoslavia and moved up to join England in the quest for one of the medals.

May quits as chairman of England selectors

LONDON, Nov 26, (Reuters): Peter May has quit as chairman of England's cricket selectors following widespread criticism and a dismal season which saw the appointment of four captains in quick succession.

The former England captain, who has been chairman of the selectors for seven years, said in a statement issued by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB): "Now is the right time for a change."

The TCCB statement said May's business commitments were demanding more of his attention.

May presided over the worst run in English Test history as they went 18 matches without a win until a somewhat hollow victory over Sri Lanka in the final Test of last summer. They were thrashed 4-0 in the earlier series against West Indies.

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Celtics score easy victory over Bucks

NEW YORK, Nov 26, (AP): Roundup of National Basketball Association games last night:

Celtics 115, Bucks 98
Kevin McHale scored 27 points and Danny Ainge scored 20 as the Boston Celtics beat Milwaukee 115-98, their ninth consecutive regular-season home victory over the Bucks.

Boston, which evented its record after 12 games, built a 59-48 halftime lead and increased it to 89-68 in the third quarter.

Bullets 106, Pacers 101
Jeff Malone scored 26 points and Bernard King added 25, with each scoring 11 in the fourth quarter.

Indiana, which led by 16 in the first quarter, was ahead 76-75 after three quarters. The Pacers built their lead to 89-83 but the Bullets went on a 9-2 run.

Mavericks 100, Hawks 95
Rolando Blackman made four free throws in the final 30 seconds as Dallas won for the sixth time in seven games and Atlanta lost its third straight.

With the score 98-95, Atlanta's Dudley Bradley missed a 3-pointer and Sam Perkins then made two foul shots.

76ers 123, Hornets 116
Charles Barkley scored 37 points and Cliff Robinson added 23 as Philadelphia 76ers rallied in the final five minutes and won its third straight.

Robert Reid's jumper with 4:52 remaining gave the Hornets a 114-106 lead. Philadelphia then scored straight 12 points to start a 17-2 run.

Jazz 115, Spurs 95
Thurly Bailey scored 16 of his 30 points in the second quarter as Utah won its seventh straight. Mark Eaton added 14 points, 17 rebounds and nine blocks for the Jazz.

Greg Anderson scored 24 points for the Spurs, Darwin Cook added 16.

Suns 110, SuperSonics 105
Armon Gilliam scored nine of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, including a decisive jumper with 36 seconds remaining, and Seattle missed two 3-pointers in the final 10 seconds.

Results

Boston	103	Milwaukee	96
Washington	102	Indiana	101
Philadelphia	123	Charlotte	116
Dallas	100	Atlanta	95
Utah	115	San Antonio	95
Phoenix	110	Seattle	105
LA Clippers	100	New Jersey	93
Portland	111	Houston	94

Galaxy tame Casuals

GALAXY Cricket Club scored a 15-run victory over Casuals Cricketers in a Thursday League match at the KOC New Ground in Alhambra.

This was the second encounter between the two teams, with Galaxy emerging winners on both occasions.

Galaxy skipper Ghulam Haider opted to bat after winning the toss and opened his innings through Ashraf Rana and Kaza Mir. Both the openers were sent back by Anderson after Ashraf Rana had scored 26 and Kaza Mir 15.

Severe
After the departure of both the openers, Haider took charge and hammered all the bowlers. He was particularly severe on Snowdon and Howell. Ron Seward finally accounted for Haider after he had scored 51 with the help of six and six fours.

Abdul Wahed scored 31 before he was stumped off Seward and Galaxy managed to score 174 for seven in the 24 allotted overs. Ron Seward finished with figures of four for 44. Snowdon gave away 38 runs in six overs without any success.

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McLarens look toward victory in 1989

ADELAIDE, Nov 26, (Reuters): The McLaren Formula One team, which earlier this month capped a record-breaking 1988 season with a one-two finish in the Australian Grand Prix, is likely to remain tough to beat next season.

"McLaren are always going to be hard to beat," said Formula One Constructors' Association chairman, Bernie Ecclestone. "With 15 wins out of 16 races for McLaren (in the past season) it would be a brave man to bet against them."

But under rules coming into effect next season there may be more competition around.

Success
The fast turbo-charged engines which helped Frenchman Alain Prost win the Australian race and Brazilian team-mate Ayrton Senna win second place, and — earlier — clinch this year's world championship, will not be

